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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.10	10.00	12.15	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.30	5.42	7.30
Yaumati ...Dep.	6.49	—	—	9.20	10.08	12.24	1.23	—	—	4.38	5.50	7.38
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	—	—	9.32	10.20	12.36	1.34	—	—	4.50	6.02	7.50
Taipo Market Dep.	7.15	—	—	9.48	10.33	12.49	1.47	—	—	5.04	6.15	8.03
Taipo ...Dep.	7.20	—	—	9.53	10.37	12.53	1.51	—	—	5.08	6.19	8.07
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	—	—	10.05	10.47	1.03	2.01	—	—	5.18	6.30	8.17
Sheungshui ..Dep.	7.35	—	9.07	10.10	10.53	1.08	2.06	3.14	—	5.23	6.35	8.21
Shumchun ...Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	10.16	10.58	1.14	2.12	3.20	3.40	5.29	6.41	8.27
Canton "...Arr.	—	12.40	—	5.38	—	—	—	—	7.26	—	—	—

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STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 7 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 15 A.M.	No. 17 P.M.	No. 19 P.M.	No. 11 P.M.	No. 23 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.
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Canton ...Dep.	—	—	—	8.05	—	—	—	—	—	8.30
Shumchun ...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.25	11.49	11.56	2.58	4.29	5.49	6.45	7.04
Sheungshui ..Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.43	—	12.03	3.05	4.46	5.56	6.52	—
Fanling ...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.47	—	12.07	3.10	4.50	6.00	—	—
Taipo Market Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.57	—	12.18	3.21	5.00	6.10	—	—
Taipo ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.01	—	12.22	3.26	5.04	6.15	—	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.14	—	12.36	3.39	5.17	6.28	—	—
Yaumati ...Dep.	8.11	8.56	11.28	—	12.48	3.51	5.29	6.40	—	—
Kowloon ...Arr.	8.17	9.02	11.32	12.29	12.54	3.57	5.35	6.46	7.28	7.44

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THE FLOATING DOCK FOR SINGAPORE.

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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, June 1st.

Sir Alan Cobham, the distinguished airman, has arrived back in England after his 23,000 miles flight round Africa. He was accompanied by Lady Cobham. The machine used was an all-metal flying boat with a Rolls-Royce Condor engine. Lady Cobham states that she was able to sleep for hours during the actual periods of travelling through the air; and she also could write and use a typewriter with ease. In this big machine, with four sleeping bunks, there was no bumping in bad weather, so that even a kettle balanced on a small spirit stove in the cabin, although unfastened, never toppled over.

As to the results of the trip, Sir Alan Cobham is full of enthusiasm in a characteristically quiet way. He undertook it to inaugurate an All-Red route from England to Africa. A regular aviation service, he considers, is practicable from London to the Cape, and it would be the finest opportunity that could be found to develop British aviation on a large scale. Air routes mean more to people in Africa than in many other place in the Empire, because travelling facilities there are lacking. Communication is slow.

Letters take a month from Kenya to England at present, or two months for a reply. Sir Alan states that with the coming of the through air route, Kenya will be five days away from England, which of course means that a reply to letters can be had in less than a fortnight. Rhodesia will be only seven days away, and South Africa eight. This flight is of real value from an Empire and national point of view. There was nothing of the "stunt" about it, like flying the Atlantic; it was done with a definite object to further aviation for practical purposes.

Settlers In Canada

An emigration scheme which is the joint enterprise of the British and Canadian Governments has just been completed. Three years ago it was arranged to send out 3,000 families from this country to settle on the land, the British Government contributing £300 per family, while the Canadian authorities provided the necessary equipment and after-care. Large families were welcomed; and the last contingent to make up the agreed number are starting this week, and will be in their new home in Canada before the middle of June.

The interesting fact emerges from information I have received, that only a very small fraction of the number of families sent out in the last three years has failed to make good. The result is that both Governments have been encouraged to send out another 2,000 families under a similar arrangement. The emigrants are being placed for the most part in the Western provinces of the Dominion. Those already in Canada were drawn chiefly from the rural districts here. Over 1,700 had worked in some capacity on the land. Of the remainder 370 were artisans, 263 general labourers, and 553 miners' families. This suggests that workers of widely different training are able, if they have the will and the grit that are essential, to start successfully on the land in Canada.

The Singapore Dock.

Within the last few days insurances have been completed for covering the voyage of the mighty floating dock from the Tyne to Singapore. In previous articles I have given some particulars of this wonderful engineering undertaking which has been finished on the Tyne. The size, weight and value of the dock combine to make the insurance risk the most important that has ever been placed in the London market. It has been arranged for the dock to be taken out to Singapore in two "tows," the first consisting of four sections and the second of three sections.

(*Continued on next Column*).

WOMAN'S BODY IN SACK.

SEQUEL TO QUARRY SEARCH.

AN IRISH MYSTERY.

The recovery from a quarry hole of a sack containing a woman's remains has provided a startling development in the search for a young Irishwoman who disappeared a little more than a year ago.

She was a housekeeper named Mary Cullan, and she vanished from the Kilcurry district of North Louth on May 16th last year. She was a native of the Culloville district of South Monaghan, and about 28 years of age.

The police, who attached great importance to the case, searched exhaustively for the missing woman, but all their efforts failed.

During the last few weeks the authorities had redoubled their efforts to solve the mystery, sending Superintendent Hunt from Dublin to conduct investigations.

Last month, under his supervision, a large area of ground was dug up by the Civic Guard in the hope of finding some clue.

Quarry Pond Pumped.

It was then decided to pump out the Falmore Quarry pond, which is near Kilcurry. The Dublin Fire Brigade started pumping last Saturday and continued until five o'clock yesterday morning, when the sack was disclosed. It was tied up, and had been sunk by means of three big stones placed inside. Civic Guards drew it to the bank and its contents were found to be very much decomposed.

Pathologists left Dublin to make an examination.

Miss Cullan's fiancé, a man named Murphy, cried bitterly when the discovery was made and had to be escorted from the scene by police.

It is understood that the first four sections have been valued for insurance at £350,000 and the other three sections at £350,000, thus making a total of £900,000.

In the City it is stated that the whole dock has been insured against all risks at a premium of 6 per cent. Three firms of leading brokers and certain underwriters have accepted the insurance. The dock is expected to be three months on the passage of 8,500 miles, which is roughly the distance from the Tyne to Singapore, and the average rate of towing will be about four knots. Each group of sections will be in charge of four very powerful tugs, making eight tugs in all; and it may be noted that the contract for the towage has been placed with the Rotterdam firm of L. Smit & Co. who specialise in long distance work, and have tugs that are built for the purpose, manned by experienced crews. This explains why the great British dock is going out to Singapore in the care of a Dutch firm.

The two groups of dock sections will pass through the Suez Canal at the same time, and while this operation is in progress the Canal will be temporarily closed to shipping. It can be imagined that all concerned in this great enterprise will pray fervently for fine weather for the voyage.

Weymouth's Tidal Wave.

From time to time there have been predictions of the end of the world, and quite recently an American, Professor Elvey, of Dearborn University, appeared as a prophet. He has announced that this planet is to disappear in the near future through an explosion in the sun. Nobody sleeps any lighter for that; and therefore it could hardly be expected that a mere tidal wave would keep us awake o' nights. It was predicted that Weymouth was to be overwhelmed by a tidal wave which would rush inland seven miles, at 3.59 p.m., *one day this week*.

This immediate effect was to send visitors in thousands to Weymouth, so that at the appointed hour of doom the whole sea front was black with people looking out to sea, all of them waiting for "something to happen." Tidal wave tea parties were arranged, and hundreds went bathing. The town has never had such an excellent advertisement. This seems to indicate a great decline in credulity. There are plenty of instances on record when an end of the world prediction created something approaching a panic. But the prophets are at a discount in these days, in a world of aeroplanes and wireless.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.
(June 28th.)

William Powell, Ltd., Extraordinary general meeting, 12.15 p.m.

Property Sale: Hughes and Hough, Ltd., 3 p.m.

Annual General Meeting Hong Kong Horticultural Society, 5.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Twelve Miles Out," Cherie Valentine and Tomasita Birdwell, dancers, 9.20.

World Theatre: "The Beloved Rogue."

Star Theatre: "The Canadian."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Helenus*).

Friday.
(June 29th.)

Christian Fellowship Meeting Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

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Saturday.
(June 30th.)

Queen's Theatre: "Twelve Miles Out," Cherie Valentine and Tomasita Birdwell, dancers, 9.20.

World Theatre: "The Beloved Rogue."

Star Theatre: "The Canadian."

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*Haruna Maru*), 9.30 a.m. (*Novara*), 10 a.m.; Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Soochow*), 2.30 p.m.

Sunday.
(July 1st.)

Dominion Day, Canada.

Queen's Theatre: "Rookies."

World Theatre: "Bitter Apples."

Star Theatre: "Brown of Harvard."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Monday.
(July 2nd.)

Violin Concert: Jacques Thibaud, Theatre Royal, 9.15.

Queen's Theatre: "Rookies."

World Theatre: "Bitter Apples."

Star Theatre: "Brown of Harvard."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* San Francisco and Europe *viâ* Siberia (*President Taft*), noon.

Tuesday.
(July 3rd.)

Sale of Crown Land:—New Kowloon Inland Lot 1127, Shamshuipo; Inland Lot 2762, Morrison Hill Road; Kowloon Inland Lot 2120, Tai Kok Tsui; Kowloon Inland Lot 2121, Tai Kok Tsui.

Queen's Theatre: "Rookies."

World Theatre: "Winners of the Wilderness."

Star Theatre: "Millionaries."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*Sphinx*), 10 a.m.

Wednesday.
(July 4th.)

Declaration of American Independence.

Queen's Theatre: "The Dove."

World Theatre: "Winners of the Wilderness."

Star Theatre: "Millionaries."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

Thursday.
(July 5th.)

Queen's Theatre: "The Dove."

World Theatre: "Cradle Snatchers."

Star Theatre: "Blonde or Brunette."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.

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A STORMY PASSAGE.

LOSS OF $21,000 LAST YEAR.

The fourth annual meeting of the Hong Kong Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd., yesterday was enlivened by some outspoken remarks on the part of one of the shareholders, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher. Mr. Croucher said that the business appeared to be run for the benefit of the directors and the general manager since their salaries made the biggest item on the accounts. He suggested that the directors should forego their fees until the business was paying better, or if they were unwilling to do so other directors should be appointed.

Captain A. W. Best who endorsed Mr. Croucher's opinions was heard, somewhat indistinctly, to give a series of "reminiscences."

The Chairman, Mr. R. G. Shewan, in the course of his speech, said that although the nett result of the last year's workings showed a loss of $21,333.88 it might be considered in the light of an improvement and that the position generally was better than it looked.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Mr. R. G. Shewan, the Chairman, said: The nett result of our work for the twelve months ending March 31st is a loss of $21,333.88 not including depreciation, as compared with a similar loss of $23,669.90 for the previous year. This, of course, is a very slight improvement, but we think that when you consider the figures in detail, you will find that the position is better than it looks. The gross income from lighterage has risen from $43,625 last year to $66,630 a gain of a sum of $18,000, but in addition to this we have instituted a Baggage and Transport Department which shews a small deficit for the short period prior to the making up of this account, but which is now paying its way besides providing employment for a large number of lighters. The prospects for this Department appear to be promising.

The Fleet.

The fleet of tugs and lighters has been kept up to the maximum of efficiency, and it only needs a greater demand for its services to make our undertaking profitable. There is more business to be done, and we hope to obtain a larger share when the advantages are realised of shipping cargo in first-class craft with adequate protection from weather and sea damage.

Offer For Assets.

The only item in the accounts that I need to refer to is the loan of $25,000 in last year's account, which has now been paid off in full with interest.

For your information I may tell you that a suggestion was made to us by the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., to take over the whole of the assets of this Company in exchange for shares in that Company, in the proportion of six of their shares for ten of ours.

This proposal was carefully considered by your Consulting Committee and General Managers, and declined as inadequate, in view of the independent valuation of our fleet made on behalf of both Companies. We are still open to consider any reasonable offer for a part or whole of the assets, and have had inquiries from several sources, some of which are still under consideration.

Directors' Fees.

The report and accounts were passed on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Li Tse Fong.

Mr. N. V. A. Croucher said that it seemed as if the Company were being run for the benefit of the Directors and General Manager, since the fees of the Consulting Committee represented the biggest item on the accounts, namely, $5,000. There appeared to have been no depreciation in the fleet and the deficit on the year's working was hard to explain. He thought that the Directors should forego their fees, as they had most of them big holdings in the Company and drew large salaries as Directors in addition. He thought that their fees were too great a reward for the small service they appeared to be doing for the Company. When the business was paying better it would be another matter. He reminded the meeting that in some cases the directors of other companies were taking no fees, and he thought that their Company might secure the services of directors who would be willing to forego fees while business was bad.

Mr. R. G. Shewan (Chairman) remarked that there were Directors and Directors, those who were willing to work without fees were not much good.

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THE TRADE LOAN.

COLONIAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

OVER TWO LAKHS INTEREST IN ARREARS.

SEVENTY THOUSAND WRITTEN OFF AS IRRECOVERABLE.

The Colonial Treasurer's report on the Trade Loan shows that interest in arrears on December 31st, 1926, amounted to $117,369.42. By December 31st, 1927, this had increased to $206,818.43.

The total number of loans issued was 278. Of these 32 were redeemed in 1926 and 82 in 1927, leaving 164 outstanding at the end of last year.

The loans obtained in London by the Hong Kong Government for the purpose of lending money to the merchants amounted to £1,800,000. A sum of £400,000 was repaid in 1926, and £550,000 in 1927, leaving £850,000 still outstanding.

The total of loans issued in Hong Kong from November 16th, 1925, on the security of mortgages was $15,624,588.46. During 1926 a sum of $2,604,930 was repaid and $4,845,879.76 in 1927, leaving a total outstanding at the end of the year of $8,173,778.70.

Of this amount $70,883.70 was written off as irrecoverable, so that the net amount outstanding was $8,102,895. There was an overdraft with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank on Trade Loan account of $7,638,676.66 on December 31st, 1927.

Commenting on the Trade Loan, the Colonial Treasurer says:—

"The purpose of this Loan was to assist local merchants and others during a period of exceptional financial stringency. The necessary funds were obtained by borrowing in London from the Straits Settlements Government, the West African Commissioners and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation sums totalling £1,800,000, security being afforded to the lenders by Ordinance No. 13 of 1926 which made the Loan a charge against the Colony's revenue.

"Loans were issued locally on the security of mortgages on lands or shares with two or three exceptions. A Committee appointed for the purpose received applications and made their recommendations as a result of which 278 loans were issued, the first being made on November 16th, 1925.

"All loans were limited to a period of two years and a number fell due for repayment in the latter part of the year under review. It was decided, however, to refrain from applying any undue pressure to borrowers in view of the fact that although the financial situation had improved considerably there still existed a stringency which warranted the renewal of many loans on a month to month basis.

"On the other hand a number of mortgagors found it convenient to effect repayment before the expiry of two years.

"Foreclosure was resorted to in only one instance and no loss was sustained in this connection."

Mr. Croucher: We have had to borrow from the bank to pay their fees.

The Chairman explained that the loan had been repaid in full and that there was a question at the moment of selling some lighters to meet the expenses of the Company.

Captain A. W. Best said that he had much the same ideas as Mr. Croucher. He agreed that the sale of lighters mentioned by the Chairman might help the Company to carry on for a while, and asked if any further amounts had been lent.

The Chairman: No.

Captain Best said he wished to endorse Mr. Croucher's remarks. He was heard, rather indistinctly, to say that he was a blunt seafaring man who had known Hong Kong for 40 years, and he proceeded to give some "personal reminiscences" of the younger days of several members of the Consulting Committee, and other "taipans" of the Colony, which had little bearing on the business in hand.

Other Business.

Messrs. C. P. Marcel, W. J. Carroll and Li Tse Fong were re-elected members of the Consulting Committee on the proposal of Mr. A Keith, seconded by Mr. J. Toppin.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected auditors at a fee of $400 per annum on the proposal of Mr. H. Dreyer, seconded by Captain A. W. Best.

Those Present.

Those present were:—Messrs. R. G. Shewan (Chairman), Li Tse Fong, C. P. Marcel and W. J. Carroll (Consulting Committee), Captain R. D. Thomas (Superintendent) and Mr. A. A. Botelho (Secretary). Also the following shareholders: Captain A. W. Best, Messrs. N. V. A. Croucher, H. Dreyer, A. Keith, Harry Kew, A. L. Shields, and J. Toppin.

CHINESE DRUM AND FIFE BAND.

SHANGHAI PUBLIC SCHOOLBOYS.

TAUGHT BY SHAFORCE.

Three members of the Shaforce were asked to see what they could do with three dozen Chinese in the way of music. They were tickled but undertook the work. That was only a few months ago. Now, they have produced a regular Drum and Fife Band consisting of young pupils of the S.M.C. Public School for Chinese.

This is the first Drum and Fife Band of Chinese schoolboys in China, certainly the first organization of its kind instructed and trained according to the rules of the British Army.

The School boasted of a band in the days when the pupils still wore queues and played football with Chinese woollen shoes ten times as heavy as the ball itself. People used to wonder why the sons of respectable Chinese gentlemen should have been sent to a school where the youngsters had to produce weird noises on the flutes and the crymbals when China had something much better to offer. Nor did the pupils themselves quite realize what they were doing and what benefit they could possibly derive from merely blowing a flute.

Elementary Methods.

In those days the bandsmen were not taught the proper drum and fife music. An English master would play a piece on the piano until the tune was drilled into the boys' ears, or sing bar after bar as if he knew music, set the boys to practice, and then expect to find a decent band. Still, in spite of these apparently adverse conditions, the Public School for Chinese did put up a band which did useful work on various occasions both within and without the School, except at funerals. It will be recalled that that band, under the training of the Head Master, Mr. G. S. Foster Kemp, proudly led the procession of Chinese Boy Scouts from all parts of China at the Scouts Rally held in the Hongkew Park in connection with the Far Eastern Olympiad in 1915, and evoked voluntary admiration from those who appreciated its merits.

The new band, however, is something more for the School and perhaps others to be proud of. It is not so much the fact that the boys can manage a number of popular airs associated with the British Army, as their patience and enthusiasm for music, which makes one feel the boys in that School are not there simply to be buried in the citadels of elementary learning or to face the whims and whimsicalities of young masters, but are doing something far more useful.

From the presence of the Shaforce here (part of which was at one time accommodated at the School) it appeared that the authorities got a flash of inspiration through their contact with the soldiers. Mr. Foster Kemp, who had always been a strong advocate of music, and to whom goes the credit of the bands the School has had, decided to place the boys under the training of some of the Shaforce men.

Taken In Hand.

On December 14th, 1927, the band was handed over to the care of Sergt.-Drummer Bryan and Lance-Corporals Storey and Graham of the 1st Battalion, The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

The three men at once started training the boys in the drum and fife music and also in the discipline and general smartness which they themselves had gone through. Four nights a week were devoted to the study of music and general practices on the drums and fifes. When the Beds. & Herts. used to hold their Church Parades, the entire band were constant spectators, their attention being particularly paid to the drums.

There are eight side-drums, one big-drum, and 25 fifes. This alone would spare readers the painful memory (which unfortunately is daily enhanced) of those horrible blasts emanating from the tops of shops and roof gardens along Nanking Road. These three dozen Chinese youngsters, however, have been trained along proper lines. In fact, it is an insult to them to make the comparison at all. It is said that were one to close one's eyes when listening to the Band, one would think it was a Shaforce regimental band playing!

And The Repertoire.

After the lapse of a few months the boys have not only mastered the drum and fife music but are able to play a number of tunes, among which may be mentioned "Colour Company," "Viking," "Our Boys," "Mercer," "Black Diamond," and "American Legion." The boys have been set other tunes to learn during the absence of their instructors at Weihaiwei.

Naturally, the boys present a smart appearance wherever they appear. They are officered in the same way as a regimental drum and fife band is, and each of the bandsmen wears on the sleeve of his blue flannel tunic the badge of a drum, which is said to be similar to what is worn in the Army.

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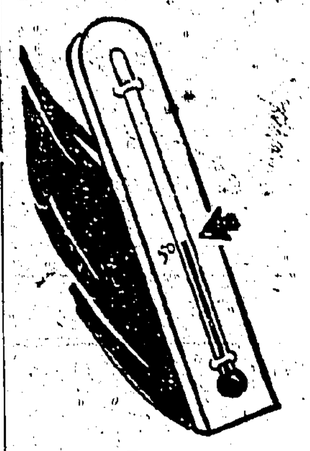
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East Asia Bank	$75 nom.
Canton Insurance	$615 nom.
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China Underwriters	$2½ buy.
China Fire Insurance	$235 buy.
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S'hai. Cottons (old)	Tls. 51½ nom.
Do. (new)	Tls. 27½ nom.
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H.K. Realties	$5½ sel.
H.K. Tramways	$44.80 buy.
Peak Trams (old)	$12½ nom.
Do. (new)	$8 nom.
Star Ferries	$64½ buy.
China Lights (old)	$11.55 buy., 11½ sel.
Do. (new)	$11.35 buy., 11.65 sel.
Do. (1928 Issue)	$11½ sel.
H.K. Electrics	$71½ nom.
Macao Electrics	$26½ buy.
Telephones	$5.60 buy.
China Buses	Tls. 9½ buy.
Singapore Tractions	11/3 nom.
Do. (Pref.)	17/6 nom.
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Malabon Sugars	$24½ nom.
Canton Ices	$3.30 buy.
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Do. (new)	$1.65 buy.
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Do. (new)	$6.40 nom.
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Dairy Farms	$21.50 buy.
Watsons	$14 sel.
Der A Wings	$0.50 nom.
Lane Crawfords	$3½ sel.
Mackintoshs	$20 nom.
Sinceres	$9½ nom.
Wm. Powells	$3 buy.
H.K. Amusements	$31 sel.
H.K. Constructions	$14 sel.
S'qua. Indus. G.'s Bonds	65% buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	5% prem. nom.

buy.—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales; nom.—nominal.

The first public performance of the Band will be given, when the Alumni Association of the School is holding a Garden Party at the garden at 761 Avenue Joffre (by courtesy of Messrs. Arthur and Theodore Sopher). This, the writer unofficially understands (owing to the modesty of the School authorities) will be followed by other performances before the Shanghai public.—*North China Daily News.*



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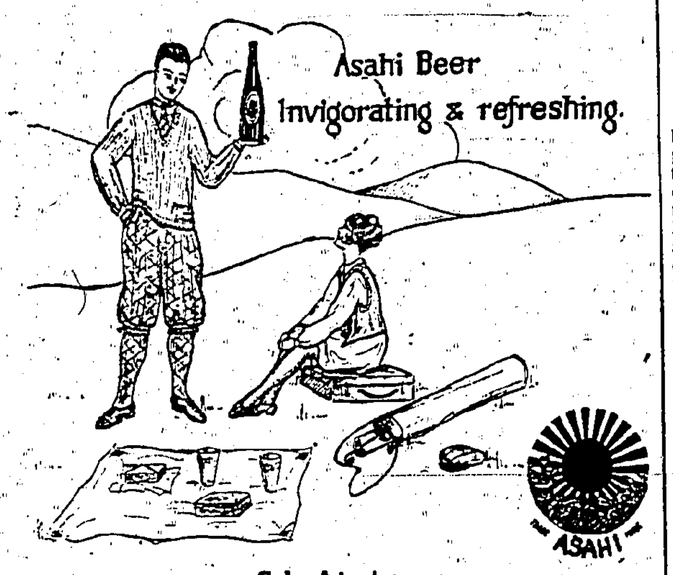
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THE COLONY'S FINANCES.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1927.

IMPROVEMENT IN TRADING CONDITIONS REFLECTED IN INCREASED RECEIPTS.

The Colonial Treasurer's report on the finances of the Colony for the year 1927 is largely a summary of the facts already published. The statement, however, analyses the accounts in a concise way and advances explanations for the increases and decreases in revenue and expenditure of the various Government departments.

REVENUE.

The total revenue for the year amounted to $21,344,536 being $337,139 more than the estimate and $212,954 more than the revenue in 1926.

Compared with that year there were increases under all heads except miscellaneous receipts and land sales, the most notable being an increase of $1,227,784 in licences and internal revenue.

The principal sub-heads showing excess over the estimates were as follows:—

EXCESS.

(a)	Assessed taxes	$ 47,159
(b)	Forfeitures	25,943
(c)	Hawkers licences	20,483
(d)	Liquor licences	41,445
(e)	Opium monopoly	344,371
(f)	Medical examination of emigrants	60,109
(g)	Post Office message fees	53,838
(h)	Post Office postage	47,109
(i)	K.C.R. passenger service, passenger, foreign line	107,184
(j)	K.C.R. goods service, goods, foreign line	26,580
(k)	K.C.R. auxiliary operations foreign haulage	67,819
(l)	Leased lands (Crown rent)	36,691
(m)	Interest	263,087
(n)	Compensation in lieu of rates	27,052
(o)	Other miscellaneous receipts	308,712

The above increases may be attributed generally to the great improvement in local trading conditions. Items (i), (j) and (k) are due to the resumption of the through service to Canton and the large increase in (m) was brought about by the transfer of accumulated interest on the money deposited in London towards the cost of the Singapore base.

The transfer to revenue of profit on exchange and the surplus of the local war loan sinking fund resulted in (o) and increased sales of opium accounted for (e).

The principal sub-heads showing deficits compared with the estimates were as follows:—

DEFICITS.

(a)	Liquor duties	$310,195
(b)	Stamp duties	383,088
(c)	Tobacco duties	73,988
(d)	K.C.R. passengers service, passengers, home line	97,982
(e)	Buildings, rent of	20,478
(f)	Land sales	156,317

The new liquor duties failed to bring in the revenue anticipated and stamp duties proved to be overestimated. The deficit in (d) is more than off-set by the increases in other sub-heads of railway revenue. Land sales proved to be considerably less than was expected.

EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure brought to account amounted to $20,845,065 being $1,469,637 less than the estimate and $2,679,651 less than the expenditure in 1926.

The principal heads showing savings were as follows:—

SAVINGS.

Junior clerical service	$ 27,307
Post Office	20,738
Harbour Department	105,025
Fire Brigade	40,449
Police Force	67,460
Medical Department	64,459
Sanitary Department	107,208
Education Department	72,520
Public Works Department	183,164
Public Works Extraordinary	739,873
Military contribution	31,112
Hong Kong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve	40,000
Charge on account of public debt	259,557

The savings in the Harbour Department were chiefly due to overestimating the coal and oil fuel requirements, the actual expenditure on this item being over $61,000 below the estimate. Only one instalment was paid on the new launch to replace the *Victoria* and in consequence a sum of $23,350 lapsed on this item.

Savings in the Fire Brigade vote were mainly owing to personnel being below the authorised establishment and to the non-arrival of one of the light motor pumps provided for in the estimates.

Under the head of Police Force savings were due to vacancies in the establishment and officers being on leave.

Lapsing salaries and overestimating the sum required for medicines and surgical appliances were chiefly responsible for the savings in the Medical Department.

The savings in the Sanitary Department vote are accounted for by lapsing salaries and deferring the purchase of a new refuse barge for which provision was made in the estimates.

The Education Department showed savings as a result of lapsing salaries and a reduction in capitation and building grants.

The Public Works Department showed a saving mainly due to lapsing salaries and a tendency to overestimate requirements for "other charges."

The considerable saving under Public Works Extraordinary was brought about by the general policy of retrenchment pursued by the Government. Public works not of an urgent character were postponed and work was delayed on such schemes as were already in progress wherever this could be done without disadvantage.

The saving shown under the head Charge on Account of Public Debt was due to repayment of the greater part of the Local War Loan being effected in the first half of the year with a consequent saving of interest. The sinking fund investments realised sufficient to make any further contribution unnecessary and the provision for this was therefore allowed to lapse.

The scheme for the formation of a Naval Volunteer Reserve in Hong Kong was not proceeded with.

The principal heads showing excess were as follows:—

EXCESS.

Miscellaneous services	$337,695
Charitable services	22,134

The vote for miscellaneous services was exceeded largely on account of services of a special nature necessitated by the political situation and for which no provision was made in the estimates. The cost of transport of Government servants was greatly underestimated and to a smaller degree this fault was apparent in several other items.

Several charitable grants which could not be foreseen caused an excess on the charitable services vote.

The revenue for the year exceeded the expenditure by the sum of $499,471.

COMPARISONS.

The following table shows the revenue and expenditure during the past five years:—

	Revenue.	*Expenditure.*
1923	$24,783,763	$21,571,905
1924	34,209,640	26,726,428
1925	27,244,365	28,266,817
1926	21,131,582	23,524,716
1927	21,344,536	20,845,068

As the above figures show there was a surplus of $3,211,858 in 1923 and a surplus of $499,471 in 1927. In 1924 there was a deficit of $2,516,788, in 1925 a deficit of $5,022,452 and in 1926 a deficit of $2,393,134.

PUBLIC DEBT.

The inscribed stock loans of 1893 and 1906 amounted to £1,485,733 and the sinking fund stood at £587,205 being £53,418 more than the amount at credit of that fund at the end of 1926.

The Local 6 per cent. War Loan of $3,000,000 was fully repaid during the year, $2,100,000 on May 1st and $900,000 on November 1st, and there remained a surplus in the sinking fund of $158,134 which was transferred to revenue.

The first part of the 6 per cent. Public Works Loan, 1927, was issued locally at par on November 1st, 1927. Applications, which were invited from the public, amounted to $11,711,000 and bonds were allotted to the value of $3,000,000.

The first contribution to the sinking fund becomes due on October 31st, 1928.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The total receipts and payments in the Treasury books during the year were $52,331,639 and $51,511,012 respectively. The figures not accounted for under revenue and expenditure relate to transactions under various heads such as deposits, advances, subsidiary coin, unallocated stores, etc.

Subsidiary coins in stock on December 31st were as follows:—

50 cents	$ 10,200
20 „	3,960
10 „	1,667,676
5 „	248,424
Copper	26,153
	$1,956,413

The nominal amount of coins in circulation was $17,914,370 and the market value stood practically at par.

SPAIN TO SOUTH AMERICA.

REGULAR ZEPPELIN SERVICE?

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, June 26th.

The Fox Brothers International Corporation has been awarded a £3,000,000 contract for the construction of an aerodrome at Seville, which will serve as a base for a Transatlantic air line.

Zeppelins are to be operated between Seville and Buenos Aires, where a similar aerodrome will be built.

STAMP DUTY PROSECUTION.

WING ON COOLIES SUMMONED.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A RECEIPT?

Two delivery coolies employed by the Wing On Company were summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning for issuing receipts without affixing the necessary revenue stamps.

Mr. H. L. Dennys, who appeared for the defendants, submitted that the documents in question were not receipts given by the firm, but only a form of invoice.

His Worship recalled a previous case last year in which the same point arose. The Crown Solicitor then agreed that in form the documents amounted to receipts if the word "received" appeared on them.

Mr. Dennys contended that even if the word "received" appeared on the form, it did not make it a receipt within the meaning of the Ordinance. Dealing with one of the documents on which appeared the words "30 gramophone records at £16.80 per dozen $42.— received by Fong Kam," Mr. Dennys said this was a cash sale. He explained that some customers instead of taking goods over the counter, asked for delivery to be made at their houses. In such cases invoices were made out in triplicate, one being kept by the sales department at Wing On's, one by the cash department, and the other handed to the coolie who carried out the delivery.

Continuing, he said that the words "received by Fong" may mean either the money or the goods. The coolie received the money after delivering the goods and handed it to the Company. The memo was merely a matter of book-keeping.

In reply to Mr. Lindsell as to when the words in question were placed on the invoice, Mr. Dennys said that it was done after the delivery of the goods, but it did not constitute a receipt by the Company. The instructions of the Company were perfectly plain—that no receipts were to be accepted unless on their printed form and signed by an authorised person.

Mr. Lindsell asked if an invoice handed over the counter to a purchaser bore the word "received" would that not be a receipt?

Mr. Dennys replied that he did not think so and produced a voucher on Messrs. Witeaway's form bearing the word "delivered" and another from Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., on which appeared the word "paid." Further, in a hotel, said Mr. Dennys, one got an invoice for what was consumed, and if the waiter put the word "paid" it was as good as putting the word "received," but that form would not be a receipt. Doubtless if one asked for a proper receipt he would be given it. If that were not so then all the trading concerns in the Colony would have to adopt a new system.

The documents in the case, contended Mr. Dennys, were not legal acquittances in that they did not come from the person who sold the goods. If the Company were summoned and not the coolie, the summons could not possibly succeed, because the word "received" did not mean acquittance. The law did not demand a receipt, and any customer could take away the goods after paying for them in cash. The coolie did not sell the goods and therefore could give no receipt for money paid against them.

In reply to the Magistrate, Mr. Dennys admitted that if the word "received" was put on by the authorised cashier of the firm, the document would have constituted a receipt. He pointed out, however, that in the present instance the coolie had no right to sig nit.

Mr. Lindsell adjourned the case for a week, remarking to the police officer in charge of the case that it would be as well to consult the law officers of the Crown on the points raised by Mr. Dennys.

Four other coolies employed by the Tai Chung Wah Company, represented by Mr. Dennys, were also remanded.

CINEMA NEWS.

AT THE WORLD.

In "The Beloved Rogue" John Barrymore plays Francois Villon, famed eccentric poet of fifteenth century France. Dramatic incidents follow each other in such rapid succession that the production affords a continual series of thrills, building up to a surprising climax. Conrad Veidt, the German actor is cast as the arrogant, suspicious Louis XI.

At The Star.

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[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

John Gilbert's new picture, "Twelve Miles Out," is a story of the modern pirates. The rum-running trade in America appears to be fraught with other dangers besides that of escaping the revenue officers. Smuggler fights with smuggler and piracies seems as common as arrests. At all events so the authorities of Hollywood relate.

"Twelve Miles Out" is the type of story that bloodthirsty young men rejoice in; perhaps they may think that five women are too much in a caste of ten, but after all some provision must be made for the rest of the audience. John Gilbert loves, and drinks, and fights his way through life with insolent laughter on his lips. We see him in Spain cheating a friend out of his boat and his girl, in Holland where he takes another young lady and in America where he plays rum-runner and pirate. His is not a very edifying rôle, but it is made sympathetic by his opposition to Red McCue played by Ernest Torrence. "Red's" morals are perhaps a trifle worse than Gilbert's and he has not the advantage of a lithe young body and a wonderful mouthful of teeth, so Gilbert gets away with the ladies and the applause of the audience.

Joan Crawford plays "Jone," the lady who turns the dying hero into virtuous paths and she looks very attractive in her pose of haughty aristocracy.

"Twelve Miles Out" is a well constructed story and achieves something of the of veracity of "Treasure Island." There is a tang of the sea all the way through, and there was no doubt that last night's audience enjoyed the picture.

The Dancers.

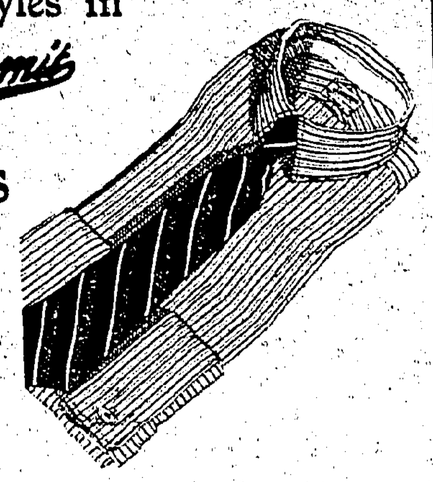
The two juvenile dancers, Tomasita Birdwell and Cherie Valentine, gave an entire change of programme last night. Their dances were not of quite such a strenuous order as those of the earlier performances, but they gained very hearty applause for each number, especially for the clever "Dance Fantasie" which they did together.

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AUGMENTING THE COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY

VARIOUS SCHEMES CONSIDERED.

REPORTS BY PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERS.

COST OF DISTILLATION OF SALT WATER EXCESSIVE.

COMPLETION OF SHING MUN VALLEY PLANS AND ABERDEEN RESERVOIR RECOMMENDED.

The problem of augmenting the water supply of the Colony has been carefully considered by the Public Works Department, and reports on different phases of the subject have now been submitted.

Mr. Henderson, the Waterworks Engineer, has drawn up a programme of proposed extensions which he submits should be carried out without interruption during the next five years. The estimated cost of the extensions is $6,151,000. When completed they will give an additional 4.28 million gallons of water a day. It is pointed out that a serious water shortage has been prevented in the Colony only by "a most fortunate series of years of rainfall above the average."

The proposal to conserve the water supply by the use of salt water for flushing has been examined by Mr. Newhouse, the drainage engineer. He estimates the cost of installing a sea water flushing system at approximately $4,143,300. As the filtered water thus saved would only be 94.5 million gallons a year the cost is regarded as prohibitive.

Mr. Jackman, the A.D.P.W., has dealt with the scheme for obtaining fresh water by distillation, but the cost of this process as compared with the cost of augmenting the existing supply of fresh water is excessive. Mr. Jackman also examined the possibility of using power obtainable from refuse destruction for pumping salt water for flushing purposes. Commenting upon this the Director of Public Works says:—

> "The report on this subject although it shows the unlikelihood of any such economical use being made out of refuse destruction in Hong Kong, suggests the desirability of introducing an up to date unit of one of the most successful plants described as a nucleus of a refuse destructor installation. Only after experiments and experience with such a plant can the utility of the by-products or power obtained by refuse destruction be ascertained, as the calorific value of the matter to be dealt with varies considerably in different cities."

Summing up the whole problem, the Director of Public Works concludes:—

> It is proved that the most feasible method of obtaining an increased water supply is by completing the first section of the Shing Mun Scheme on the mainland and by developing the Aberdeen Scheme on the Island. The first section of the Shing Mun Scheme has already obtained the sanction of the Secretary of State and though its completion has been delayed for various reasons it is hoped that the necessary funds will be made available early this year so that it may not be further postponed. The sanction of the Secretary of State for an early commencement to be made with the Aberdeen Scheme has already been sought so that this scheme also may be undertaken and proceeded with as soon as possible."

EXISTING WORKS.

The total water storage capacity of Hong Kong is 2,118.41 million gallons from a catchment area of 3,278 acres. On these figures, Mr. Henderson estimates the capacity of the existing Hong Kong works at 7.25 million gallons a day. This supply is made up of approximately three million gallons a day by gravitation and 4.25 million gallons a day by pumping.

In Kowloon, with a total storage of 501.75 million gallons and a total catchment area of 4,270 acres, the capacity of the existing Kowloon Works is estimated at five million gallons a day. The whole of the supply is by gravitation.

ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS.

It is difficult to work out with any degree of accuracy the exact water requirements of Hong Kong, as, during the last 20 years there have only been three years when it has been found possible to give a full supply throughout the twelve months, these years being 1919, 1920 and 1921.

The full supply to the city in 1921 was 8.11 million gallons a day, which allowing for the average increase in population, gives an estimated consumption of 10.14 million gallons a day in 1927. The actual consumption during 1927 was 9 million gallons a day with restrictions in force for over four months.

Mr. Henderson estimates the daily full supply water requirements of the city for the next five years as follows: 1928, 10 million gallons; 1929, 10.4 million gallons; 1930, 10.8 million gallons; 1931, 11.2 million gallons; 1932, 11.6 million gallons.

For Kowloon the estimates are:—1928, 3.8 million gallons a day; 1929, 4.18 million gallons; 1930, 4.45 million gallons; 1931, 4.66 million gallons; 1932, 4.9 million gallons.

THE SHORTAGE.

By comparing the figures it will be seen that in 1928 Hong Kong's estimated production falls short of its estimated requirements by 2.75 million gallons a day and that by 1932, without further works, this shortage will have increased to 4.35 million gallons a day.

In Kowloon the estimated production this year exceeds the estimated consumption by 1.2 million gallons a day, but this surplus will have practically disappeared by 1932.

Taking the Colony as a whole the total shortage during the current year is estimated at 1.55 million gallons a day, a figure which will increase to 4.25 million gallons a day in 1932.

PROPOSALS.

In outlining the programme of works necessary to wipe out this shortage of 1.55 million gallons at the present time and the estimated shortage of 4.25 million gallons a day by 1932, Mr. Henderson says:—

"Of the possible extensions on the Island the two small dams in Tytam are not economical from a financial or waterworks standpoint, while the site in Tytam Bay is owing to its enormous cost undesirable.

"The Pokfulam site is undesirable owing to necessary resumptions, while the Taikoo Area is said to be fully taxed by the holders of the water rights, holding out little or no gain from resumption.

"The Aberdeen Valley Area lends itself to economical development as only limited water rights are held by the Taishing Paper Manufacturing Co. and this area is comparatively near the Western end of the City where additional supply is most needed. I would, therefore, propose the complete development of this and adjacent areas.

"Regarding the Little Hong Kong Site, I understand Government is averse to alienating this valuable flat piece of land from the public, but this site would appear to offer the greatest and almost the last possibility of large increase on the Island. The Dam Sites have never been investigated and it is not known therefore if they offer economic possibilities. As however, even if feasible, the dams owing to their length would be costly, and heavy contingent works in the shape of pumps and possibly a tunnel to the North side of the Island would be necessary, I would not suggest the development of this site, at least till all cheaper water either on the Island or Mainland has been obtained.

"As Tytam Tuk Reservoir is at present short of catchment area, I would propose the construction of the Mt. Pottinger, Mt. Parker, Tytam Tuk (East) and Dragon's Back (East) catchwaters, all of which would drain into that reservoir.

"I would not propose the construction of either the Dragon's Back (West) catchwater owing to its length of carry and uneconomical area length ratio, or D'Aguilar Peak catchwater owing to the unfavourable nature of the ground, cost and length of carry.

"The preceding proposals would augment the supply on the Island to the extent of 3.62 million gallons per day, which would still leave a deficiency of 0.63 million gallons per day in 1932.

"Of the possible extensions on the mainland, Kun Tong and Rennie's Farm sites are too small for our present needs while Chin Lan Chu would involve the removal of a very large village, which is undesirable except as a last resort.

"I would propose the construction of the Kowloon Byewash Dam, which is favourably situated with regard to existing works, requires no contingent works in the way of filters or pumping and could be economically developed in conjunction with the Shing Mun Works.

"I would also propose the completion of the first section of the Shing Mun Valley Scheme, as this would appear to produce the cheapest water available.

"The preceding proposals both in Hong Kong and Kowloon when completed would bring the total supply of the Colony up to 16.53 million gallons per day or approximately equal (16.5) to the estimated requirements in 1932. With the addition of the filters proposed under the Aberdeen Scheme the filtering capacity of the Colony would also approximately equal requirements.

"On completion of these Works I consider the second section of the Shing Mun Valley Scheme should be commenced.

To cope with the increased consumption a consistent annual programme of mainlaying and distribution improvement is necessary both on the Island and the Mainland. Balance tanks at North Point and Kowloon City are becoming urgent necessities."

FINANCE.

As stated the total estimated cost of the works outlined above to be completed by 1932 is $6,151,000. Commenting upon the financial aspect of the question, Mr. Henderson writes:—

"When it is remembered that the existing water supply of the Colony has cost approximately $14,000,000 and that a further sum of approximately $6,000,000 is required to bring it up to requirements in 1932, a gross return in 1927 of approximately $1,100,000 (nearly half in tax) cannot be considered adequate.

"The present waterworks system of finance is in my opinion out of date and I would propose reorganization.

"If my suggestions were carried out and my estimates proved even approximately correct, then a large proportion of the money necessary for the foregoing proposed works would be provided from new revenue and the waste of water would be considerably reduced.

"Throughout this report I have tried to understate rather than exaggerate the need for large waterworks extensions but it must be evident from the figures given that such extensions are an urgent necessity and should not be further delayed.

"During the last *eight* years the Colony has only experienced one year with rainfall below the average as against an approximate average of one year below the average in every *two*. The one bad year was 1922 when approximately 70 inches of rain fell as against a minimum recorded rain fall of 45.83 inches in 1895. Such good luck cannot be expected to continue indefinitely.

A NEW SOLICITOR ENROLLED.

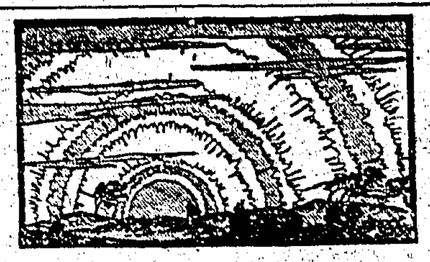
MR. WAI CHIU HUNG OF MESSRS. DEACONS.

Mr. Wai Chiu Hung, nephew of Mr. H. K. Hung, a partner of Messrs. Deacons and connected with that firm for twenty years, was enrolled as a solicitor of the Supreme Court by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) yesterday morning.

In making the application, Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. (Acting Attorney-General), said that Mr. Hung had been born, a British subject, in Hong Kong in 1906. The applicant became an articled clerk in November, 1922, to Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, and Mr. H. K. Hung. In 1926 the applicant proceeded to England to pursue his studies with Messrs. Gibson and Weldon, of Chancery Lane, W.C., the agents of his principals' firm. While in London the applicant attended six legal classes conducted by the same firm. Since his return in June, 1927, he had again worked with his principals' firm.

Sir Henry Pollock remarked that he was one of the three examiners and was happy to say that not only did Mr. Hung pass his final examination, but also passed with credit.

In admitting Mr. Wai Chiu Hung, his Lordship said, he had great pleasure in acceding to the application of the Attorney-General. From what had been said, his Lordship could not only express the hope but the certainty that Mr. Hung would have a successful career in the Colony.



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THE TATTOO.

THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY DISCUSS THEIR SHARE.

EXTRA SINGERS WANTED.

SOME DIFFICULTIES IN WAY OF PARTICIPATION.

A general meeting of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society was held yesterday evening to discuss what part the Society should take in the Grand Tattoo which is to be held in Happy Valley the first week in September. Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, President of the Society, was in the chair.

The plans for the Tattoo are not yet very concrete, and the chief anxiety of the members present appeared to be exactly what part they were expected to pay. It was pointed out that open-air singing was a very different matter to singing in a theatre, and it was felt that it would be difficult to make the singing audible with the number of voices at their disposal.

There seemed to be a general, and perhaps not unnatural feeling that the Philharmonic Society was being asked to bear a large part of the burden, as it is obvious that spoken words would not be clearly heard, and the story must be told in song and dance.

The Chairman, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, said that the meeting had been called because the Philharmonic Society had been asked to assist in the Tattoo. They did not yet know what they would be asked to do but Mr. J. H. Hunt as Secretary of the General Committee was there to tell them briefly what their proposed part was, and then a sub-committee might be formed to consider the matter.

Mr. Hunt, after apologising for the absence of Mr. R. Sutherland who was ill, read some extracts from a pamphlet which had been prepared to advertise the Tattoo in the outports. He said the Society's help was required with the scenario right from the beginning. Any suggestions would be gratefully received and carefully considered.

The Scenario.

The proposed scenario as it stands at present consists of five episodes:

(1) A scene on the Border in the days of the Picts and Scots. There is general revelry expressed in dances and songs.

(2) The Red Lion Inn Ashdale Buckinghamshire: time the present. The hero, a Scot, is in the Red Lion; outside the rustics are enjoying themselves. May pole, dances and English songs follow. The Hunt arrives with horses and hounds; and then the town cryer announces that war has been declared and makes an appeal for recruits, answered by all the men including the hero.

(3) A Port. A troop ship alongside. The troops are seen going aboard, bands play and the Navy takes a picturesque part.

(4) A Desert fort: The fort is held by Arabs who at first are friendly; later treachery causes the British troops to attack, take and blow up the fort. This will be done in true military style and the fort will be demolished each night.

(5) Return of the soldiers and hero to the Red Lion Inn; scenes of rejoicing, singing and as a finale "Home Sweet Home."

Mr. Hunt suggested that the Philharmonic Society appoint a special committee which with a committee from the A.D.C. would undertake the civilian part of the scenario.

Scale Plan.

A model plan of the Tattoo ground, with small scale models of all the various scenery required, the fort, troop ship, Inn, etc., was on the table, and proved very useful in the subsequent discussion. The model had been prepared by Mr. George Duncan, M.B.E., who fitted up "Hong Kong" at Wembley. Mr. Duncan will be responsible for all the scenic effects and the lighting will be arranged by the R.E.

A Sub-Committee.

Mr. Beavis said that it was too early to come to a definite decision as to whether or no the Society would be able to take any part in the Tattoo, and proposed that a sub-committee be formed consisting of the Musical Director, Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earl, A.R.M.C., the hon. producer, Mr. R. R. Davis and the hon. secretary, Mr. T. V. Harmon, go into the matter with the A.D.C., and consider if the Philharmonic Society could take part. He pointed out that the Society already had a programme for the winter with which they could not allow the Tattoo to interfere. He suggested that the sub-committee might report their decision to the full committee as soon as possible.

This proposal was seconded by Mr. A. E. Stone and adopted.

Mr. Hunt said that in the event of the Society deciding that it could not help the Tattoo as a body he hoped that the members would give their personal assistance in every possible way.

Outside Help.

Mr. Stone asked if Mr. Hunt could give them any idea as to what outside help they should call upon from the community, as they had difficulty in getting a full chorus for their annual productions, and he felt that far more voices would be needed for open-air singing especially as the scenes were planned at present.

Mr. Hunt replied that the General Committee had relied on the Philharmonic Society to discover extra help in that direction, as they were in touch with singers of the Colony.

It was decided to adjourn pending the decision of the sub-committee whether or no the Philharmonic Society should take a share in the Tattoo.

Besides the Committee of the Philharmonic Society, Messrs. C. E. H. Beavis (President), R. R. Davis (Hon. Producer), D. M. Richards, R. Dormer, A. E. Stone, T. V. Harmon (Hon. Sec.), and W. H. Fitz-Earl (Musical Director) about twenty members were present.

CENTRAL BANK NOTES AT PAR.

STAMPED NOTE ISSUE COVERED BY SILVER.

GOVERNMENT POLICY BACKED BY MERCHANTS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, June 27th.

Some alterations have been made in the plans for exchanging Central Bank of China notes for silver money at par. Instead of first exchanging banknotes only of the dollar denomination as was planned, Mr. Fung Cho Man, Commissioner of Finance, has now decided to take $2,000,000 of banknotes from the sealed vaults, stamp them and re-circulate them on the market at face value. The $2,000,000 of silver saved by the scheme will be deposited in a certain bank in Shameen for the present. The stamped bank notes can be brought back to the Central Bank and there exchanged for silver at par at any time. The merchants and money changers have already been warned not to discount these stamped bank notes in any way. Severe penalties will be imposed on any one caught profiteering with these stamped notes. The Government has also decided that, after July 5th, taxes will have to be paid, 80 per cent. in these stamped notes and 20 per cent. in the non-stamped ones. The stamped notes are looked upon as equivalent to silver money and, according to the Government, are to be treated as such.

August 1st has been fixed as the date for exchanging the other bank notes. The Government policy has the support of the six Chambers of Commerce in Canton and at a meeting held yesterday in the office of Mr. Ip Tsing, the Vice-President of the Central Bank of China, the representatives of these six guilds were notified of the Government plans. All the merchant representatives agreed with the Government proposals.

SHANGHAI MERCHANTS IN CANTON.

WELCOMED BY MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN.

FAVOURABLE IMPRESSION OF CITY AND PROVINCE.

A representative body of Shanghai merchants and industrialists were the guests of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, at dinner given in their honour at Government House on Sunday evening. The function was also attended by a number of civil and military officials, and prominent local businessmen.

Marshal Li made a brief speech of welcome in the course of which he emphasized the importance of industrial development of the Province, and the need of close co-operation between the Government and the merchants. It was the function of the Government to maintain and preserve good order and tranquility so that merchantmen could pursue their avocations peacefully, without fear of interruption from unseemly causes. Conversely, thriving trade meant more production, more exports, and consequently an increase in the normal channels of revenue of the Government. It might be described as a perpetual cycle, the Government helped the merchants, the merchants helped the Government, to the mutual benefit of both.

On behalf of the visiting guests, Mr. Chu, a prominent Shanghai merchant, thanked Marshal Li for the kind reception that was being accorded them that night. He praised the Government for the wonderful progress that had been made in the course of the last few years, and said that every member of the visiting party was most favourably impressed by the evidence of modern development visible on all sides.

Continuing, Mr. Chu declared that Canton could boast of being the only city in China where peace and order were being efficiently maintained, a condition that obtruded itself on to one's notice, and impelled one to observe the most striking contrast that it offered with the present wave of crime sweeping the Shanghai Settlements, where organised kidnapping was the order of the day.

"In the foreign settlements of Shanghai, not a single day passes without some person of affluence being kidnapped and held for ransom by bandits," said Mr. Chu.

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CANTON AND CHILE.

MINISTER'S VISIT.

TRADE POSSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

CHILEAN NITRATE OF SODA.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, June 27th.

The Right Honorable Senor Santiago de Cosa, Chilean Charge D'Affaires in China, who is in Canton on business, is giving a banquet to-night in the private house of Mr. Kan Yin Po to the leading officials of the Canton Government. It is to be an elaborate affair, and among the guests were Marshal Li Tsai Hsin; Dr. Chao-Hsin Chu, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of Kwangtung; Mr. Hau Chung Ching, a member of the Provincial Government; Mr. Tai Chi Tau, Chancellor of Sun Yat Sen University; Admiral Chen Chak; and Chief Justice Lo Wun Chank.

The Chilean Minister's speech was as follows:—

Your Excellency, Marshal Li Tsai Hsin,—It has been a great honour for me to have you to dinner with me to-night and other high Military and Civil Officials.

This is my second visit to Canton and I can to-day appreciate better than ever the benefits that are coming to the Province of Kwangtung by the skilful administration of Your Excellency. Wherever one looks the strong and progressive hand of the Government is noticeable.

If traces of the sad events of last year are still noticeable I am sure that very soon they will be only a nightmare of the past, and one good effect was that of bringing Your Excellency again to the head of the Government of one of the richest, if not the richest Province of this Great Asiatic Republic.

Your Excellency has not only done much to improve the internal welfare of Kwangtung but has also given attention to improving commercial and diplomatic intercourse with Foreign Countries, and in this respect I take the advantage of this opportunity of thanking you, Marshal, and the Commissioners of the Departments with whom I have had to deal, and very specially His Excellency Mr. Chao-Hsin Chu for the reception I have had.

As Your Excellency knows, I came to Canton on a special mission from my Government to try to clear up misunderstandings that have existed in the commercial intercourse between my country and this part of China.

Notwithstanding that my work has not yet come to a definite end, I feel sure that any existing misunderstanding will be eliminated and all questions settled in a favourable way.

I feel also sure that when this has been done Kwangtung will be one of the biggest markets in the world for our principal export, Chilean Nitrate of Soda.

The outcome of such a settlement will not only to improve the commercial relations between both countries but will be of great benefit to them: Chile will have a new market for its product; Kwangtung's agriculture will improve greatly by the use of an unrivalled fertilizer and this will mean better crops, bigger production and bigger exportation of its products, principally its silks.

In thanking once more Your Excellency and the other Military and Civil Officials for the reception with which I have met with in Canton I raise my glass to Your Excellency's health. I also drink to the future greatness and tranquility of Kwangtung and to the development of its agriculture, the base of the richness and wealth of all countries.

He further said that where such unsettled conditions prevailed businessmen and the whole populace were most apprehensive and lived in constant fear of molestation and intimidation. Such conditions were most discouraging to business and industry, but happily, the businessmen of Canton were free from such daily worries, and the condition of quietude under which they were enabled to carry on their trade was most eloquent evidence of the efficiency and sincerity of the local Government and its officials.

During the course of the evening, other members of the visiting party also spoke on industrial development, and all were unanimously of the opinion that Canton was a most promising locality for the establishment of factories as it offered every inducement to industrial enterprise.

The Shanghai merchants form a group of businessmen on a tour of inspection to South China. They have been in Canton for some little time and the consensus of opinion is that it possesses innumerable advantages over other industrial centres, and should rapidly forge into the forefront as China's hub of industrial activity.

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CHILD LABOUR IN THE COLONY.

EFFECT OF THE LOCAL ORDINANCE.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF FACTORIES.

BRIGHTER TRADE OUTLOOK.

The report of the Inspector of Factories for the year 1927 states:—

The ordinance regulating the employment of children in factories has now been in force for five years and it may not be out of place to survey briefly the results attained.

This ordinance was the first piece of constructive factory legislation introduced into this Colony and to the Chinese factory owners was an entirely new departure. In the earlier stages a large number of the younger children were dismissed from the factories, the owners finding it easier to dispense with child labour than to comply with the requirements of the ordinance as to hours of work, overtime and holidays. The children so dismissed have not been replaced and it is now admitted that the absence of child labour need not affect output. In factories where children have been retained the conditions of the ordinance have been accepted without serious objection.

No European firms in the Colony employ children under the age of 15 years and the total number of children employed has been reduced until at present there are not more than one hundred and fifty children under that age regularly at work in factories. This large reduction is partly accounted for by the depression in the knitting trade and cigarette factories. No new beginners have been taken on during the year and many of these who have hitherto been registered under the ordinance have now outgrown the age of registration. The cigarette factories which formerly employed a large number of young girls were closed for a considerable part of the year: production has now been resumed but on a limited scale and where formerly 150 children were engaged in packing cigarettes there are now but 15 at work. Apart from the cigarette trade the knitting factories of Kowloon are the principal employers of women and girls. Some of these have closed down during the year: others have found markets elsewhere to replace those lost and have built up a considerable export trade with Singapore and the Dutch East Indies.

The trade outlook appears brighter and some firms are installing new machinery and plant in anticipation of improved trade in the near future.

The practice of engaging children to carry coal, bricks and sand up the Peak, once so common and the subject of so much comment, has almost entirely ceased. Isolated cases still occur where children are found helping their mothers but they are not now regularly employed and engaged by contractors for this work.

Reference is also made to the Factory (Accidents) Ordinance Ordinance which came into force on April 14th, 1927. This Ordinance requires factory owners to provide guards and fencing to all dangerous parts of machinery and belting and to report all accidents causing loss of life or absence from work for more than three days.

The regulations of the ordinance have been generally complied with, factory owners agreeing that guards are necessary and willingly incurring the expense of providing and installing fencing. Since the introduction of the Ordinance until the end of December, 1927, there were 43 accidents, 19 being due to machinery and 24 to falls.

ALLEGED EXCISE OFFENCES.

ADULTERATED SPIRIT AND UNLICENSED WINE.

At the instance of the Import and Exports Office, two Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Magistracy yesterday with being in possession of 19 jars of diluted spirits on which the duty had not been paid.

The first defendant is charged with having the whole 19 jars at his shop No. 343, Main Street, Shaukiwan, and with making a sale of adulterated spirit.

The charge against the second defendant is that he was in possession nine of the nineteen jars, on which the duty had not been paid.

The second defendant said that he bought the jars from the first defendant and if the duty had not been paid it was the first defendant and not he who was responsible.

The first defendant claimed that he bought the whole 19 jars from a shop in Shum Shui Po which had since closed down. The jars had been lying un-opened in his shop and he was under the impression that it was genuine Chinese wine.

The case was adjourned.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH CHINESE SECTION.

NET LOSS $2,300 ON $715,000 EXPENDITURE.

The annual report of the British section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway for 1927 reports that considering the continued state of unrest in South China and the general trade depression in the Colony throughout the period under review, the railway may be said to have had an unusually successful year; the receipts practically balancing the working expenses.

Working arrangements with the Chinese Section of the line presented many difficulties owing to the frequent interference of the various Chinese military factions, the unreasonable attitude of the Canton labour unions, and the ever-present danger of molestation by banditti who successfully broke the track and pillaged local trains on more than one occasion.

Through Service With British Engines.

Notwithstanding these adversities, a through service of trains between Kowloon and Canton was maintained throughout the year, one express and one slow train being run through each way per day during the first half of the year, when arrangements between the two Sections were concluded for British engines to haul the express trains all the way to Canton.

On June 1st, for the first time since the line was opened, a British engine hauled a train through to Canton. This event resulted in further co-operation between the two Sections, and from the 20th June onwards two express trains each way daily (with one or two isolated exceptions) were run, hauled by British engines, doing the journey of 111 miles in 3 hours and 45 minutes. These trains were run punctually to time and gave general satisfaction to the travelling public with whom the route gained an established popularity.

Amicable Relations.

It is pleasing to record the very amicable relations existing between the British and Chinese Sections of the line to the mutual benefit of both Sections as well as the community.

The inauguration of a regular and punctual service of express trains seems to have marked a new era in the history of the railway, and it is confidently anticipated that in the near future, improvements on the Chinese Section to the track and rolling stock will enable these through services to be greatly improved in speed and comfort.

The motor coaches rendered useful service in running golfers trains on Sundays, thereby effecting economy in locomotive power.

General Upkeep.

Alterations were carried out at Kowloon Station for the better handling of passenger traffic, by a re-arrangement of the positions of the booking and examination accommodation, whereby not only the railway officials but the police customs and travelling public benefit greatly.

The usual repainting and general repairs necessary to the upkeep of the permanent way and fabrics were effected. Various steel bridges were repainted as well as all mileposts, grade and notice boards along the line. Drainage work was carried out near Taipo Station with the object of reducing mosquito breeding haunts.

No Concrete Sleepers.

3,769 hardwood sleepers were renewed in the main line, and 1,432 new wooden sleepers were adzed and bored in readiness. No concrete sleepers were made pending reconsideration to their suitability as a substitute for hardwood.

In October, Major J. P. S. Greig, R.E. and Mr. W. R. Davidson, Assistant Chief Engineer of the New Zealand Government Railways, were asked by the Government to consider this question and submit a joint report, which proving favourable, negotiations for resuming the manufacture of concrete sleepers were begun.

Fanling Branch Line.

The Fanling Branch Line was operated throughout the year, running and maintenance charges being reduced to the minimum, but there is little hope of this line being able to compete against the newly introduced motor traffic between Fanling and Sha Tau Kok.

Locomotive And Rolling Stock.

The Railway Workshops were kept extremely busy especially since the decision to haul the through express trains to and from Canton by British Section engines.

To the end of the year, 728 of these express trains were hauled to and from Canton, a mileage of approximately 85,000, and on only four occasions were they late owing to engine trouble, two of these delays being attributable to bad coal.

The report details repairs to the saloon coach, 9 passenger coaches, and five of the locomotives, etc.

In October the British Section was asked by the Chinese Section to give them assistance in repairing their wagon stock, as in consequence of labour troubles in Canton they found it impossible to undertake it themselves. On satisfactory arrangements being made regarding payment for this work, 40 Chinese Section wagons were sent down, and 7 completely reconditioned wagons were released by the end of the year. Separate labour gangs were engaged and no interference with British Section work was permitted.

Accidents.

There were 22 accidents of a more or less serious nature, and into the causes of which enquiries were held, which included the following:—

Engine derailments	2
Coach derailments	2
Wagon derailments	2
Collisions	3
Broken couplings	1
Broken rails	1
Other Line Obstructions	3
Fires	1

Of the engine derailments one was a light shunting engine, and the other a 2 feet gauge engine on the Fanling Branch.

The casualties were three deaths, all trespassers, one serious and three slight injuries.

A somewhat alarming incident occurred in April when a Chinese Section engine arrived in British territory without driver or fireman. Fortunately steam was exhausted and the engine came to a standstill without doing any harm. The action was attributed to disaffected employees on that Section.

Accounts.

With regard to Depreciation Charge a sum of $79,572.02 was included in the Operating Expenses, Maintenance of Equipment under the usual subheads. The amount to the credit of Depreciation Reserves at the close of the year was $765,614.67.

The amount provided under Personal Emoluments was Main Line $257,106.00 and Fanling Branch $6,923, making a total of $264,029.00.

The total expenditure on the Main Line amounted to $253,254.12, or $3,851.88 less than estimated.

On the Fanling Branch the expenditure against an estimate of $6,923.00 was $6,274.53.

The estimate for Other Charges was $312,204 for Railway, and $9,000 for the upkeep and running of Government Motor Vehicles. The amount provided under Coal was insufficient by $34,302.93, and Oil by $2,012.49 owing to the British Section locomotives running through to Canton, which service was not anticipated when the estimates were framed.

A sum of $2,000.00 was provided for oil fuel for Motor Coaches, but as these coaches were in use to a greater extent than was expected, a further sum of $1,071.80 was required.

The local passenger receipts amounted to $311,075.87 as compared with $427,230.22 for the previous year; the goods receipts were $34,031.13, or $8,169.80 more. The decrease in the local passenger earnings was due to foreign passengers being able to book through to their destination in Chinese Territory during the greater part of the year.

The Foreign passenger receipts were $210,426.58 as against $25,166.14 in 1926.

The total Operating Expenses amounted to $715,769.41.

The results of the past 5 years were as follows:—

Year.	Gross Receipts.	Net Loss.
1923	474,721.78	48,191.35
1924	420,186.15	87,628.27
1925	430,578.31	99,323.18
1926	538,044.73	101,743.07
1927	713,424.85	2,344.56

Through and Joint Sectional passengers carried were as follows:—

	1925	1926	1927
Passengers booked at Stations in British Territory to Stations in China excluding Shum Chun, the border Station	16,224	18,031	202,893
Passengers booked at Stations in China excluding Shum Chun the border station to Stations in British Territory	16,216	17,609	254,039

The local passengers carried were as follows:—

	1925	1926	1927
Main Line	1,083,821	1,151,780	835,240
Fanling Branch	58,419	48,451	27,699

The final Division of Through and Joint Sectional Traffic Receipts were agreed between the two Administrations to end of June 1927.

Claims outstanding against the Chinese Section on account of suspension of Through and Joint Sectional Traffic, hire of Rolling Stock and demurrage which stood at $922,120.13 at the end of 1926, increased by $71,290.09.

Big Increase In Passengers To And From Chinese Territory.

Passengers booking from British to Chinese stations numbered in 1927 202,893 as against 18,031 in 1926.

Passengers from China to the Colony numbered 254,000 as against 17,609 in 1927.

Local passengers were 835,240, compared with 1,151,780 in 1926 and 1,083,821 in 1925.

The Fanling Branch line had 28,419 passagers in 1925, 48,451 in 1926, 27,690 in 1925.

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Hong Kong, 28th June, 1928. [6432

G. R.

NOTICE.

UNMUZZLED DOGS ON BATHING BEACHES.

THE Public are WARNED that the MUZZLING ORDER applies equally to BATHING BEACHES as to any other Portion of the Colony mentioned in the Regulations.

Persons taking Dogs to the Public Bathing Beaches are therefore Warned that such Dogs Must Not Be Allowed to Run about the Beaches Unmuzzled, a practice which has recently grown up on the Larger Bathing Beaches.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.

28th June, 1928. [6433

NOTICE.

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Hong Kong, 16th June, 1928. [6390

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Hong Kong, 25th June, 1928. [6429

G. R.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Sealed Tenders in Triplicate, which should be clearly marked. "Tender for Stone Quarry at Junction of BOUNDARY STREET and LAI CHI ROAD, SHAMSHUIPO," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until NOON OF MONDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 1928, for the Occupation for a Period ending 31st DECEMBER, 1929, from the Date of Notification of Acceptance of Tender of Piece or Parcel of Ground, containing about 3·95 acres, shown coloured red on plan signed by the DIRECTOR of PUBLIC WORKS dated 22ND JUNE, 1928, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the Office of the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Each Tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a Sum of $100 as a Pledge of the *bona fides* of his Offer, which Sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his Tender and comply with the conditions, should the Tender be accepted.

Form of Tender and particulars can be obtained from the Office of the DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.

22nd June, 1928. [6422

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[This advertisement has been reinserted owing to Replies received having been lost in the Post on their way to Shanghai.]

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INTIMATIONS.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 3RD DAY OF JULY, 1928, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of HIS MAJESTY THE KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2120.	Tai Kok Tsui.	As per sale plan				7,440	88	11,160

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			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2121.	Between Kowloon Inland Lot Nos. 1776 and 1862, Fuk Tsun Street, Tai Kok Tsui.	As per sale plan				Abont 3,903	36	4,805

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G. R.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1137.	At junction of Tung Chau Street and Yen Chow Street, Shamshuipo.	As per sale plan				10,500	134	20,250

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G. R.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 3RD DAY of JULY, 1928, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, of One Lot of Crown Land at Morrison Hill, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of HIS MAJESTY THE KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in square feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
4	Inland Lot No. 2762.	Morrison Hill Road.	As per sale plan.				4,200	48	25,200

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INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held on THURSDAY, 28TH JUNE, at 5.30 P.M., in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LTD.

All Ladies and Gentlemen interested in Horticulture, whether Members of the Society or Not, are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA:—

1.—To receive and pass the Committee's Report and Statement of Accounts.
2.—To elect Officers and Committee for the Ensuing Year.
3.—Any other Business.

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A. TSE,
Joint Hon. Secretaries.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, JUNE 28TH, 1928.

THE OUTLAWRY OF WAR.

THERE is a big idea in Mr. KELLOG's proposal for the the outlawry of war. To begin with the signing of such a pact must do something to strengthen the view that armed conflict is not the proper method of settling international difficulties. Even if the Great Powers can only give the idea a very qualified support as regards their own right to defend their interests by arms it upholds the principle of intervention when minor nations set about small wars that have the habit of dagging in one protagonist after the other.

The plan for the outlawing of war is mainly founded upon the fact that nations are inter-dependent and cannot wage war without allies—even though the latter be called neutrals carrying on legitimate trade. Previously, when two nations fought, so far from becoming outlaws their obliging neighbours fell over each other in their eagerness to supply them with everything necessary for the struggle. A war creates big markets; it forms a commercial vacuum which draws in its needs from every available source. Nations in the past have never hesitated to avail themselves of the great trading opportunities opened up by war. In the Napoleonic struggle the French armies were largely clothed with cloth from English looms. The Government knew this but allowed it because we needed the money and we were, after all, consolidating our hold on the textile trade of the World. When the Great War broke out a leading English publicist of unimpeachable record pleaded for British neutrality on the ground that we could trade with both belligerents to our inestimable advantage. America and the neutral powers of Europe insisted at the bayonet's point on their right to supply both sides with munitions. Notes were issued with impartial indignation when Britain maintained her blockade of the neutral powers who were acting as intermediaries between Germany and America, and when German submarines sank ships conveying food or munitions to Great Britain. There was no outlawry of war in that attitude but a wholehearted support of it. No one ever thought of outlawing war or of not making every possible penny out of the slaughter and mutilation of a lot of foreigners and quietly annexing their markets.

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That has always been the position of neutral powers and the question arises whether or no Mr. KELLOG's scheme must be dismissed as wildly Utopian. It asks of commerce a big and a new sacrifice. It involves a new principle. In private trade we do not for example punish the revolver merchant for being an accessory to any murder committed by his clients and the economic struggle of life is so keen that we simply do not examine the question involved by the existence of many injurious trades of which that in armaments is the greatest.

A beginning has, however, been made with China. If there is any prospect of peace in this country it is because the nations of the world, excepting Russia, imposed upon themselves a self-denying ordinance no longer to supply armaments in open market and promising not to support this or that war-lord who offered some privilege or concession when he should have extended his beneficient rule all China. It may be said that China has no more money to spend on munitions, that commercial concessions are worthless, that her war-lords are men of straw. It does not do to look below the surface, but the hope ariess that if war has been to some extent outlawed in the case of China the thing is practicable, perhaps on a small scale at first, and later in a manner that will make it a real factor in preserving the peace of the world.

One British case of enteric was reported on Tuesday.

In a summons brought by the Sanitary Department against the master of a grocery shop in Yaumati before the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday, a fine of $10 was imposed on selling pepper which had been adulterated. It was stated that a sample purchased by an inspector contained 30 per cent. rice starch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bindle and son wish to convey their thanks for the many expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes received from their many friends, also to the Rev. Brothers of St. Joseph's College, the staff and children of Quarry Bay School and members of the Taikoo Club for sympathy during their recent sad bereavement. They also wish to thank the doctor and sisters of the Victoria Hospital for their kindness to their loving son, "Billy."

GUARDS FOR THE NORTH.

LEAVE TO-MORROW BY "YUENSANG."

The 2nd Battalion Scots Guards are leaving to-morrow for the North. They will embark on the s.s. *Yuensang* at 10 a.m. from Whampoa Dock, Kowloon.

ROBBERY IN GASGOINE ROAD.

AN EARLY MORNING HOLD UP.

TWO MEN CHARGED IN KOWLOON.

Early on the morning of June 16th, four men, who were alleged to have been armed with two daggers and a revolver, robbed a Chinese of his money in Gasgoine Road. The matter was reported to the Yaumati Police and two men were arrested. One of them, it was alleged, attempted to bribe the detective.

The arrested men were charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon by Inspector Fallon with stealing from the complainant the sum of $21 in Hong Kong bank notes and $2.60 in Canton coins. Another count was offering a bribe of $10 to a detective.

Complainant, in his evidence stated that he was proceeding in a ricksha along Gasgoine Road when four men suddenly dashed out and robbed him of the money after the usual threats with daggers and a revolver. The ricksha coolie corroborated this evidence and said that he was so frightened that he did not look into the men's faces.

A Chinese detective said that he was sent out at 2.30 in the morning with another detective and the complainant to search for the men. At the rifle range, he saw two men walking down the hill. On seeing witness the men ran away, but were caught after a chase. On the way to the police station the first defend gave witness $10.

The case was adjourned until 11.15 a.m. on Saturday.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE DURING 1927.

THREE NEW ORDINANCES.

A meeting of the Legislative Council will be held this (Thursday) afternoon. Owing to the structural alterations and additions being made to the offices of the Colonial Secretariat the meeting will take place at the offices of the Sanitary Board, Post Office Building.

The principal item on the agenda is the first reading of the ordinance to authorise the appropriation of a supplementary sum of $387,599.33 to defray the charges of the year 1927. This total represents the amounts spent in 1927 which were not included in the Budget ordinance for the year. A supplementary financial ordinance has to be passed to put such expenditure in order.

The various items are as follow:

H.E. the Governor ...	8	1,777.25
Royal Observatory ...		1,389.99
Attorney-General		1,831.40
Land Office		676.42
Public Works recurrent		2,094.98
Miscellaneous services		357,694.88
Charitable services ...		2,134.41
Total		$387,599.33

The Acting Attorney-General, Sir Henry Pollock, will move the first reading of the following three Ordinances—an Ordinance to amend the Distress for Rent Ordinance, 1883; an Ordinance to amend the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914; and an Ordinance to amend the registration of United Kingdom Patents Ordinance, 1925, and to make certain provisions with regard to letters patent granted under the Patents Ordinance, 1892.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Following the Legislative Council there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee when votes for supplementary expenditure amounting to a total of $244,450 will be asked for.

Public Works.

By far the largest part of this amount is needed for public works. The requirements of the P.W.D. include $4,300 for general repairs to the Police Pier, Kowloon Point; $7,000 for the completion of the Wongneichong Village development; $1,000 for the architect's fee in connection with the proposed new Infectious Diseases Hospital (scheme not proceeded with); $3,000 for inserting double doors between the front and back rooms in each of 15 Police flats in Caine Road with the object of improving the ventilation of these quarters; $2,040 for fitting up the fifth floor of the P. & O. building for the Government Marine Surveyor and his staff; $53,000 for the new road, Causeway Bay to North Point; $1,160 for raising typhoon mast and installing electric signal lights at Lyemun Barracks; $20,000 for widening Castle Peak Road to 60 feet and filling in areas at Cheung Sha Wan; $22,553 for various compensations and resumptions; $2,150 for improvements to Central Police Station; $335 for furniture in the new lounge for European single officers at the Central Police Station; $2,000 for repairs to Pokfulam Pumping Station; $7,000 for hydrographic survey in connection with reported silting in the harbour; $3,000 for diverting and training stream course at Wongneicheong; $650 for iron fences and gates in High Street near G.C.H. Sisters' Quarters; $4,600 for miscellaneous draining works at Kowloon; $10,000 for miscellaneous works in Hong Kong; $6,000 for apparatus required in connection with proposed wireless broadcasting; $12,750 for renting premises in P. & O. Building and necessary fittings for radio telegraphy.

Other Items.

There is not much left after the Public Works Department has been satisfied but the few remaining items are:—Police Pension $8,535 owing to more officers retiring from the Police Force during the year than was anticipated; University Examination fees for candidates from Government Schools—$279; Sanitary Department, bonuses to dispensary licentiates and clerks for vaccination, $800; Fire Brigade, light motor, $10,741; Death Gratuities, $10,000; Royal Observatory, salary of attendant for Magnetic Station, $240; District Officer, North, conveyance allowance, $180; Miscellaneous Services, stationery, $30,000; Medical Department, dental treatment, $1,100; Education, additional Scholarship Boards for King's College, $270; Kowloon-Canton Railway, re-railing tunnel No. 2, $25,650.

H.E. The Governor.

Personal emoluments $2,652. The Secretary of State approved of H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi's leave of absence from May 9th, 1928, for three months full salary, to be followed by leave of absence with half salary. The Secretary of State also approved of H.E. Mr. W. T. Southorn drawing, during the whole

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period for which he acts for Sir Cecil Clementi, half the salary of the Governor and the whole of the entertainment allowance, together with half his salary as Colonial Secretary.

The above sum of $2,652 is applied for to cover the acting pay for H.E. Mr. Southorn after deducting the savings on account of rates of exchange.

H.K. HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

TO-DAY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

APPEAL TO GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS.

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society takes place to-day at 5.30 p.m. in the board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. The meeting is, of course, open to the public as well as to members and the Committee are making a special appeal for support both for subscriptions and in the form of new members as despite an increased membership the Society is in debt.

The gardens of Hong Kong, besides being a delightful feature of the Colony are a real asset to the place and very much enhance the attractiveness of its appearance in the eyes of visitors, official and otherwise. An Association of this kind can do a lot for the garden enthusiast without asking very much in return. Everyone who has, or is interested in, a "cabbage patch" is therefore asked to come along to-day and help a very deserving institution. The subscription is only $5 a year and a contribution of $100 carries with it life-membership.

The Report.

The report for the period ending May 31st, 1928, states:—

The Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables was held on Thursday, February 23rd, 1928, at the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters, and was as successful as in past years. The entries showed an increase over recent years, and the standard of the exhibits was good. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi again evinced their interest in the Society by visiting the Show and Lady Clementi kindly presented the prizes.

The Committee desire to express their thanks to Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., and the Officers of the Defence Corps for the loan of the Volunteer Headquarters and the Parade Ground for the Show, to the Captain Superintendent of Police, for valuable assistance rendered by the Police, to the Superintendent of the Botanical Gardens for his assistance in the judging of Exhibits and for the Botanical Gardens Exhibit of ferns, and to all those who rendered service in various capacities, also to the donors to the Prize Fund.

The Society suffers a great loss by the departure from the Colony, on his retirement from business, of its oldest member, Mr. Lawrence Gibb, and the Committee desire, on behalf of the Society, to express their acknowledgment of the very great services which Mr. Gibb has rendered to the Society for many years.

The Committee desire to draw particular attention to the financial position of the Society. The Membership at the end of 1927 was 137 and has since increased to 200. The balance-sheet however shows that the Society is now in debt, and an urgent appeal is made to all members to do their best to enrol new members, in order to meet the expenses of the Flower Show for next year.

THE GUARDS' ASSOCIATION.

BRANCH FORMED FOR HONG KONG AND S. CHINA.

A gathering of former members of H.M.'s Brigade of Guards and Household Cavalry was held yesterday at Lane Crawford's Restaurant to form a branch of the Guards' Association for Hong Kong and South China. There was quite a good attendance, ex-members of the Grenadiers, Coldstream, Irish, Scots and 2nd Life Guards being present.

Major G. T. C. Warner, D.S.O., M.C., O.C., the 2nd Battn. the Scots Guards, presided and read a letter from the Equerry of the H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught in connection with the aims and objects of the Association, which are to bring together all who have served in the Brigade of Guards and Household Cavalry for social and charitable purposes.

Mr. D. L. King was elected president, Inspector Lane, Hon. Secretary and Gunner Quarter Master J. Piper treasurer. Major Wynn Finch, Serga. O'Connell and Mr. J. W. Wells were elected to the committee.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.45 p.m., stated:—

Pressure continues highest to the East Bonins. It is low over China generally and a shallow depression is indicated over South Japan.

Local Forecast:—South winds, moderate, fair to showery.

MUKDEN AND THE KUOMINTANG.

CHANG HSUEH LIANG READY FOR PEACE OR WAR.

YEN SHIH SHAN'S WISH TO ATTACK.

DEMANDS MONEY FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

There appears to be a great possibility of Chang Hsueh Liang bringing Mukden into line with the Government at Nanking. There are still difficulties in the way, but they do not appear to be insurmountable, especially as Chang Hsueh Liang still seems to wish for the settlement. At first it seemed that there might be some disagreement over the Nationalist demand that Fengtien should haul down the five barred flag and fly the Kuomintang flag in its place. Chang Hsueh Liang is now ready to do this, but he is still boggling over Sun Yat Sen's Three Principles.

There is, however, another side to the question. If the Nationalists should attempt to advance into Manchuria, the Fengtien forces have prepared a strong defence line at Luanchow, with trenches straddling the railway and stretching for 10 miles on either side. Large quantities of barbed wire have arrived from Mukden for use as barriers.

It is reported that Yen Shih Shan means to attack Manchuria in face of the wishes of the Nanking Government, which is opposed to this policy. The Shansi Tupan has, so it is said, increased his army by 100,000 since his arrival in Peking, mainly by reorganising errant Northerners. He is now asking for a grant from the Central Government.

PEACE OR WAR?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, June 27th.

A message from Mukden reports that negotiations between Fengtien and Nanking are going on. It is understood that Mukden is willing to accept the Kuomintang flag, but Sun Yat Sen's Three Principles are not acceptable.

Meanwhile Fengtien activities at Luanchow indicate that they are ready to make a stand against the advances of the Nationalists. Trenches stretching for ten miles on either side of the railway are being built, while large quantities of barbed wire are arriving at Luanchow from Mukden.

Fifteen trains, full of Sun Chuan Fang's troops, have passed through Shanhaikwan to Chinchow.

INCLINED TO ACCEPT.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao*).

SHANGHAI, June 27th.

Generals Yin Shi Lin and Yu Chien, representatives of the Nationalist Government, are carrying on negotiations with General Chang Hsueh Liang regarding the question of the latter's surrender to the Nationalist side. According to the latest report General Chang is inclined to accept the terms proposed by the Nationalists. He insists, however, that the chairmanship of the Manchurian political commission shall be his. If the Nationalist troops do not march into Manchurian territory, he will not insist on flying the five barred flag.

CHIANG AT HANKOW.

(*Tsun Wan Yat Pao.*)

SHANGHAI, June 27th.

General Li Chung Jen telegraphed to General Pei Chung Hsi, Peking, to the effect that Marshal Chiang Kai Shek had arrived at Hankow. After a short stay there they would go together to Peking.

ARMOURED TRAIN SURRENDERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TIENTSIN, June 26th.

A Northern armoured train steamed into Tientsin yesterday and surrendered to the Nationalists.

It appears that the Chinese crew mutinied yesterday morning, overpowered the Russian crew, and left the vicinity of Tangku, with the Russians as prisoners.

Another armoured train, observing the flight, gave chase, but was unable to keep up the pursuit.

The Russian sergeant in charge of the train, whose alleged illtreatment of the Chinese crew is stated to have caused the mutiny, was executed this morning. The fate of the other prisoners is unknown.

The Chinese crew were well received by the Nationalists.

FOREIGN OFFICE AT PEKING.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao*).

SHANGHAI, June 27th.

The Nanking Foreign Ministry will establish a foreign office in Peking in order to take charge of transacting diplomatic affairs of a local nature in North China. The Assistant Foreign Minister Tang will be the head of the Branch Office.

THE LEGATIONS.

(*Tsun Wan Yat Pao.*)

SHANGHAI, June 27th.

According to a Washington message the Diplomatic Corps in Peking held a meeting the other day to discuss the advisability of transferring their Legations to Nanking. They came to no decision, three Ministers advocating the transference of their Legations to Shanghai, two Ministers still favouring Peking, and one Nanking.

JAPANESE MANŒUVRES.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao*).

SHANGHAI, June 27th.

According to information obtained from Japanese military sources, big manœuvres will be held by Japanese troops at Tientsin next month. In these manœuvres Japanese artillery, cavalry, engineers, and air force will participate.

SITUATION REVIEWED.

Naval wireless messages received in Hong Kong to-day show that there is less tension in the Tangshan district and give the disposition of Feng's forces in Chihli province. His main force is understood to be north of Hokieh while other contingents are stationed on the railway at Lanfang. There are about 29,000 troops in the Tientsin district under Marshal Yen Shih Shan. 11,000 of these having turned over from the Northern armies.

Disorganised Chihli-Shantung forces hold the railway from Tangku to Lanchow. These troops have thirty troop trains and six armoured cars on the sector.

With regard to the Tangshan district, where trouble developed over the week-end when disbanded troops demanded money under threat of destroying the mines,

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YEN SHIH SHAN'S STRENGTH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, June 27th.

It is reported that Yen Shih Shan has increased his forces by 100,000 since his arrival in Peking, mainly by reorganising Chihli-Shantung remnants.

EXPENSES.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao*).

SHANGHAI, June 27th.

General Yen Shih Shan has telegraphed to the Nanking Government to the effect that the presence of a large number of troops in the metropolitan area and Tientsin must require a considerable sum for their upkeep. He asked the Central Government to remit him a sum of $1,200,000 for the purpose.

DISBANDING TROOPS.

(*Wah Tsz Yat Pao*).

SHANGHAI, June 27th.

At yesterday's meeting of the leaders of the Nationalist Government it was revolved to embark upon the scheme of disbanding superfluous troops with the First Army Group, which is under the direct command of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek. Marshal Chiang has put forward a suggestion that the Nanking Treasury should issue a series of public bonds for the expenses of disbanding them.

GOVERNOR OF SINKIANG.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, June 26th.

A special telegram from Nanking states that the Nationalist Government has appointed the Mahommedan General Ma Fu Hsiang as Pacification Commissioner for Sinkiang.

This apparently means that General Yang Tseng Hsin, who has been Governor since 1911, will be superseded, despite the fact that he has hoisted the Nationalist flag.

THE "ITALIA'S" CRASH.

CHIEF MECHANIC KILLED.

THE WALKING PARTY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, June 27th.

General Nobile's detailed account of what happened when the *Italia* crashed on the ice floe shews that the impact was taken by the engine in the front gondola (which became detached, thus marooning Nobile's party). In this crash the Chief Mechanic, Pomella, was fatally injured, and was subsequently given honourable burial by the marooned party.

Nobile says that the dirigible reascended and was seen to drift about six miles, when a small plume of smoke was seen trailing astern.

Other Parties.

Nobile gives directions for finding the party with the airship hull, and two Italian and one Swedish seaplane will start the search immediately the weather, which is at present bad, permits.

Nobile states that the walking party, of which there is still no news, was provisioned for forty days, and had instruments and maps. They were without a tent or fire arms.

Nobile says Malmgren calculated that they could do six miles a day. They had done barely three miles a day when they reached Foyn Island, since when nothing has been heard of them.

An Italian seaplane, piloted by Captain Ravazzoni, has arrived at Tromsoe to search for Amundsen and Guilbaud.

American Generosity.

The Norwegian Government, says a message from Oslo, has accepted the offer of an American, Miss Boyd, who had hired the sealer *Hobby* which was thus obliged to return from the search for the *Italia*. She has volunteered to send back the *Hobby* to Spitzbergen free of cost to search for Amundsen and Guilbaud.

"FOR FASTENING PURPOSES."

BUTTONS DISCUSSED FOR 16 HOURS.

OPPOSITION MANŒUVRES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, June 27th.

After sixteen hours, the longest sitting for two years, the House of Commons adjourned at 7.06 a.m. this morning. The sitting was protracted by the manœuvring of the Churchill opposition in the Committee stage of the Finance Bill, and their efforts were chiefly concentrated on a wearisome discussion of buttons "for fastening purposes."

Finally the new duty on buttons was carried with the addition of a subsection imposing a 25 per cent. duty on imported hollow ware.

CAPT. COURTNEY SETS OUT.

FIRST STAGE BEGUN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LISBON, June 27th.

The aviator, Captain Courtney, has set out for the Azores, the first stage of his long flight across the Atlantic and back. Capt. Courtney has been delayed at Lisbon for the last fortnight, awaiting for a favourable opportunity of starting.

LISBON, Later.

Captain Courtney has returned owing to mechanical trouble.

DUTCH QUEEN'S HOLIDAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

STOCKHOLM, June 26th.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and Princess Juliana have left for Norway after spending a week at Abisko, in Lapland.

there are about 15,000 troops in the district, these spreading down to Lutai which has been looted.

The Kailan Mining Administration officials have been feeding the troops in order to prevent further looting. Chang Tsung Chang's subordinate, Wang, at Tangshan has been paid large sums by the Chamber of Commerce.

Satisfactory arrangements have now been made between General Wang and the Kailan Mining Administration. Chang's force seems likely to remain in the area until threatened by a Nationalist advance. Yen Shih Shan is reported to have decided on this although Nanking is opposed to the plan. The railway sector between Lanchow and Mukden is occupied by Fengtien troops. The men are disciplined and not hostile to foreigners. Part of the force has reached Mukden although the greater part is now at Shanhaikwan.

THE DEMOCRATS' KEYNOTE.

REPUBLICANS ATTACKED.

CARNIVAL OF CORRUPTION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HOUSTON, June 26th.

The National Democratic Presidential Convention opened here to-day in a huge hall, specially built for the occasion, capable of seating 16,000 people.

The Convention Hall provided a striking spectacle. Placards on poles were dotted all over the auditorium, showing the location of the delegates from the various States.

The ceiling was a mass of high-powered electric lights, interspersed with decorative trumpets and megaphones.

Hundreds of electric fans were used to counteract the stifling heat.

Over a thousand journalists are attending the Convention.

Much amusement was caused when Houston's famous "Grey Mare" Band, formed at the time the Texas Continent went to war, paraded the hall.

The band was led by the mare herself, ridden by a beautiful girl and followed by a small negro groom dressed in a red tunic. While the delegates were assembling, the band played Democratic airs and impromptu dance tunes to while away the time.

Mad Enthusiasm.

HOUSTON, June 27th.

A violent downpour has rendered the streets impassable, with the result that traffic is hopelessly congested. This considerably delayed yesterday evening's session of the Democratic Convention.

Eventually Claude Bowers of New York read "the keynote speech," outlining the party's policy and aims, and unsparingly denouncing the alleged corruption in the Republican Party.

It was greeted with outbursts of frenzied clapping and cheering, the delegates sometimes rising and parading the hall with banners, screaming and shouting while bands blared appropriate airs.

The Farmer's Lot.

The speech declared that American democracy was battling for the Nation's honour against the most brazen and shameless carnival of corruption. It pleaded the aims of the farmers, who were sacrificed for high finance, while millions of farms were abandoned. "The auctioneer's hammer knocking down farm lands sounded like the continuous bombardment in a major battle in the West."

He denounced dollar diplomacy, which he considered was endangering America's markets. "We cannot match a marine with a musket against a British or German salesman with a smile."

He declared that the Republicans' foreign policy "made us the most distrusted and unpopular nation on the globe."

RECONSTRUCTION OF BALDWIN'S, LTD

THE SCHEME DISCUSSED.

DEBENTURE HOLDERS OPPOSED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, June 27th.

In addition to the general meeting of the shareholders of Baldwin's Ltd., held on June 25th, separate meetings were held of the various classes of shareholders and debenture holders.

All the shareholders and the 4½ per cent. debenture holders approved the scheme, but opposition was raised at the meeting of the 7½ per cent. debenture holders, and the meeting was adjourned for a fortnight for fuller consideration of the proposals.

NEW OIL CORPORATION FORMED.

HUGE SUM ALREADY SPENT.

HUNDRED MILES OF PIPE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, June 26th.

The Colon Oil Corporation is being formed to take over the entire capital stock of the Colon Development Company, the two principal negotiators being the Royal Dutch Shell group and the Carib Syndicate.

The new Corporation will lay a hundred-mile pipe line from Tara Field, Venezuela, to Lake Maracaibo, with a daily capacity of twenty thousand barrels.

Thirty wells have already been completed on the property, but the development company were in difficulties owing to lack of transport facilities.

Convertible debentures to the value of G.$10,000,000 to provide funds for the development of the oil field will shortly be issued.

The Royal Dutch interests will own the majority of the 2,200,000 shares, and the Batavian Petroleum Company manage the properties on which at least G.$12,000,000 have already been spent.

UNDERWORLD BOSS SHOT.

NOTORIOUS MAIL ROBBER.

"LEVIATHAN" AFFAIR?

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, June 26th.

The Police and postal authorities are inclined to think that the sensational robbery of the *Leviathan* mails is connected with the mysterious murder of a notorious underworld character, Edwin Jerge, who was shot dead in a motor-car in Broadway, the day after the *Leviathan* sailed from New York.

The Police who have been investigating the two remarkable cases are of the opinion that Jerge was murdered because he knew too much, or because there was some quarrel over the division of the loot.

Jerge was a known specialist in mail robberies, and he was an associate of several adepts in that branch of crime, including the notorious Isidore Rosenberg, an international crook, who was sent to prison for three years in 1922 for robbing mails on board the s.s. *Mimekahda*, and was subsequently again imprisoned for a similar robbery on board the s.s. *George Washington*.

The New York police are now searching for Isidore Rosenberg, who only recently was released from prison.

INTERNATIONAL AIR LINES.

FRENCH LEADER'S HOPE.

PRAISE FOR HOLLAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, June 26th.

President Doumergue presided over a dinner given in honour of personages directing the Colonial Administrations of various European countries. Several Ministers were present.

M. Jaspar, the Belgian Prime Minister and Minister for the Colonies, and Dr. Koningsberger, Netherlands Minister for the Colonies, were the guests of honour.

M. Marsal, President of the French Colonial Union, in the course of a speech, praised the Dutch Colonial Administration. He referred to the Dutch Chamber having passed a grant for a regular commercial air line to the Far East, and expressed the hope that the air lines now being discussed by various Governments would be "common to several nations, instead of purely Imperial."

GHASTLY CRIMES AT MARSEILLES.

WOMEN DECOYED AND MURDERED.

THREE BODIES FOUND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MARSEILLES, June 26th.

A sensational series of murders is now engaging the attention of the Marseilles Police, the case having every appearance of another "Landru Affair."

The body of a woman was found strangled in a villa, and suspicions having been aroused by several mysterious disappearances of late, the Police made a close search of the house and discovered two other murdered women.

One had been buried in the cellar, while the other was buried under the floor of the chicken-house.

The Police believe that other bodies will be revealed shortly.

The man wanted in connection with the ghastly crimes is alleged to have been engaged in marriage swindling. He is known to have had five affairs in Marseilles alone, and all five women have disappeared under mysterious circumstances.

GET RICH QUICK!

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION'S ATTEMPT.

$7,000,000 FROM U.S. TREASURY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, June 26th.

The Supreme Court to-day rejected an application by the American Silver Producers' Association to compel the United States Treasury to purchase 14,690,000 ounces of silver at a dollar per ounce.

If the application had succeeded, the cost to the Government would have been nearly $7,000,000, as the market price of silver to-day is 57 cents an ounce.

The application was based on the interpretation of the Pittman Law.

SANCTION FOR SUGAR DUTIES.

INCREASED TRADE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, June 26th.

The House of Commons, by 230 votes to 125, passed the clause in the Finance Bill dealing with the sugar duties.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said since the Budget was introduced the amount of sugar handled by Britain had largely increased.

TRIAL OF BELA KUN.

LADY SECRETARY GUILTY.

ONE DAY'S FASTING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

VIENNA, June 26th.

The trial of Bela Kun, former head of the short-lived Communist Government of Hungary in 1919, opened to-day, when he was charged with conspiracy and with Communist agitation since 1927. He was further charged with being a member of a secret society and with returning to the country contrary to an order prohibiting him from doing so.

Miss Ilona Greuer, who is said to have been Bela Kun's secretary, and Georges Mayerhoffer, who is alleged to have been an accomplice of Bela Kun, were also in the dock.

All three prisoners pleaded not guilty to the charges. Bela Kun, in the witness box, declared that he came to Vienna for the purpose of attending a Congress of political and literary workers.

Found Guilty.

Bela Kun was found guilty of belonging to a secret society and of falsely describing himself, and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

Miss Greuer was sentenced to one month "strict arrest," while Mayerhoffer was acquitted.

The prisoners have been in custody for two months and it is understood that this will be taken in account, with the presumed result that Bela Kun will only serve one month, while Miss Greuer will be released.

Bela Kun was also found guilty of contravening the order forbidding him to return, and one day fasting each month was ordered during his three months' imprisonment, while a further order of deportation was made to take effect immediately on his release from prison.

HONG KONG G.P.O. IN 1927.

SATISFACTORY FIGURES.

PROFIT $430,000—THE THIRD BEST ON RECORD.

During 1927 the total revenue of the Hong Kong General Post Office showed the record figure of $767,000 as against the previous highest figure (for 1926) of $698,000. But on the other hand expenditure went up from $263,000 to $336,000 so that the profit was only $430,000 compared with $434,000 in 1926 $497,000 in 1924 and the record of $622,000 in 1923. The number of registered articles showed a decrease, but the stamp revenue was up and radio telegraph receipts nearly doubled.

The report states *inter alia*:—

5,792 steamers carrying mails arrived and 6,414 left, an increase of 1,892 and 2,988 over the previous year's figures.

The number of registered articles handled amounted to 833,177 as compared with 880,721 in 1926—a decrease of 47,544.

The figures for insured letters were 17,648 and 20,236 respectively—a decrease of 2,588.

The decrease in the number of insured letters was due to the fact that some countries are now forwarding insured letters direct to China in closed sacks.

Parcels, ordinary and insured, which were dealt with reached a total of 424,047 as against 555,354 in 1926—a decrease of 131,307.

An increase of 10,451 parcels (attributable to the increase of H.M. Forces) was exchanged with London.

A decrease of 97,170 under the heading "China Parcels" is accounted for by the easing of the political situation.

Revenue And Expenditure.

The total revenue from the Postal Service in 1927 amounted to $767,250.13, an increase on the previous year of $68,644.00. The Expenditure for 1927 amounted to $336,885.29 or $73,110.25 more than that of the previous year.

Postage Stamps.

The revenue from the sale of postage stamps has almost doubled during the past ten years. In 1918 it was $373,463.

For the last three years it has been:—

1925	$595,645
1926	$661,976
1927	$723,106

Chinese Delivery Section.

During the year, this section handled 3,215,436 ordinary letters, 231,142 other articles and 9,233 postal Hong packets as against 2,950,547 ordinary letters, 166,777 other articles and 9,164 postal Hong packets in 1926.

The registered articles delivered amounted to 244,817, of which 125,004 were from the United States of America and Canada and 119,613 from China and other Countries shewing a decrease of 30,739 as compared with 275,556 in 1926.

5,296 insured letters were dealt with as against 6,794 in 1926.

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PEACE MOVE IN INDUSTRY.

T.U.C. AND CO-OPERATION.

CONCILIATION BOARDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, June 26th.

A highly important decision was made at a special meeting of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress held to-day, when Mr. George Hicks moved a resolution to terminate the peace-in-industry discussion with a group of employers on the ground that the discussions have reached the limit of their usefulness.

The resolution was defeated by 15 votes to 6, a substantial majority which was quite unexpected.

Very Definite Step.

Observers are extremely pleased with the favourable attitude adopted by the T.U.C. and are of opinion that if the proposal to create a National Industrial Council is ratified by the full conference of employers, which is meeting on July 4th, a very definite step will have been taken towards the promotion of industrial peace, and the accomplishment will be a great tribute to those concerned.

Nothing of the kind has been attempted since the failure of the Industrial Council project initiated by Mr. Lloyd George's Government, and hitherto, the main criticism has been that the employers participating in the discussions are not representative of any organisations or industry.

National Industrial Council.

At to-day's meeting of the T.U.C., the question of continuance being definitely decided upon, the Council by 18 votes to 4 adopted the report of the Industrial Committee, drawn up as the result of its meeting with the sub-committee of the employers group.

The report provides for the establishment of a National Industrial Council.

The employers' representatives on the council will be nominated by the National Federation of Employers Organisations and the Federation of British Industries, while the General Council of the Trade Union Congress will represent the Trade Unions.

One of the functions of the Industrial Council will be to establish conciliation boards to investigate any trade disputes referred to them by parties before a lockout or strike is declared.

The machinery will be entirely voluntary.

JAPAN AND WORLD PEACE.

NEWSPAPER APPROVAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, June 26th.

Mr. Kellogg's latest proposals for the Treaty for the outlawing of war occupy the attention of the leading newspapers, which express their unanimous approval.

They are fully satisfied that it will reinforce and not supplant the existing Pacts and provisions for the prevention of war.

The Treaty's recognition of the French and other reservations and the inclusion of small countries among the participants, it is considered, will increase its practicability and effectiveness.

BRITISH OFFICER LOST.

SEARCHER DECORATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, June 26th.

The award of the Order of the British Empire is gazetted to-day for the gallantry of Lieut.-Col. James Ernest Stewart, formerly of the Royal Engineers, in attempting to trace the whereabouts of Lieut. T. S. Knowles, of the East Yorkshire Regiment, in the mountainous regions to the north-west of Peking.

Radio Telegrams, Etc.

The revenue collected by the Postal Department during the year from radio telegrams amounted to $122,798.02, an increase of $55,596.62 on the amount collected in 1926. Advices of vessels signalled at the Lighthouses yielded $1,024.60, Semaphore messages $15.10 and Wireless Receiving Station Licences $302.05. The total Revenue from the Telegraph Service amounted to $124,139.77.

The number of radio telegrams forwarded during the year was 22,793 consisting of words 209,171 against 7,836 consisting of 81,000 words in 1926, and 26,328 were received consisting of 276,078 words as against 13,725 consisting of 156,128 words in 1926.

Total Profits For The Year 1918 to 1927.

	$ c.
1918	+271,025.19
1919	+345,982.88
1920	+296,743.38
1921	+383,079.70
1922	+404,746.54
1923	+622,700.26
1924	+497,354.67
1925	+348,221.99
1926	+434,831.00
1927	+430,364.84

TENNIS NOTES.

Attempts are being made to arrange an Interport here with Shanghai some time next autumn. The months suggested have been September or October, whichever Shanghai would find more suitable. The place for the match is, naturally, the Hong Kong Cricket Club courts but there is some doubt whether they would be available as with the advent of the cricket season, the accommodation of a Stand, and the inevitable preparations for the matches would necessarily interfere with the Club's programme for the cricket season. It would, however, be a great disappointment for the Shanghai players not to be able to play there.

Should the Cricket Club courts not be available, then other places must be considered. The Chinese Recreation Club, who staged a successful series of matches last winter, is quite a delightful venue for matches of this nature and the Club can be relied upon to make the best possible arrangements for the accommodation and entertainment of the Shanghai visitors and the local public. They have as large a backing as any other Club in the Colony and an Interport programme there would be well patronised both by their own members and by the tennis fans at large. The Kowloon Cricket Club is also another possible place. They have received cricket teams from Shanghai on several occasions, and whenever there is a Cricket Interport Shanghai always look forward to a match on the Kowloon ground. With such a recommendation Shanghai tennis players would, no doubt, be ready to play on the Kowloon courts.

It is hoped also that Shanghai will be able to bring down their strongest team. A meeting of representative players of both ports is most desirable, and it would certainly be a treat to watch the best talent of Shanghai and Hong Kong against one another. Autumn should suit Shanghai admirably as they end their championships at the end of Summer. Their players would then come down well seasoned and Hong Kong would thus have a chance to see Shanghai form at its best. The chief characteristic of Shanghai play is hard hitting, while Hong Kong has a reputation for brainy play. With two different styles of tactics in conflict local tennis enthusiasts would have something far more interesting than the ordinary Championship matches here.

Matters are expected to come to a decision soon in regard to the Tennis League. Attention has been focussed on the performances of the Chinese Recreation Club who have had a remarkable series of successes during the past fortnight. Already they are within an ace of winning the "A" Division Shield for another year, having only the M.B.K. to deal with, and this their last match, will be played to-day on their own courts. In the other two divisions they are also hot favourites. Their rivals in the "B" are also Chinese, being the South China Athletic Association who are determined to make a fight of it. The match has been fixed for Saturday and a great deal of interest is being centred in it. In the "C" although the South China are unbeaten so far, it is, in all likelihood, expected that the first and second teams of the Chinese Recreation Club will eventually decide between themselves who will win the Shield.

Kowloon snatched their first win in the "A" over the Indian Recreation Club on Saturday. The losers had one poor pair who only secured 5 games in the three sets and that proved one cause for their failure. E. C. Fincher and F. Wheeler, however, proved to be best pair of the two sides, obtaining 21 games in the three sets, while the Greens were just one game behind. In 1924 Kowloon needed to beat the Indians on their last match to win the Shield, but failed. Eventually the United Services, Kowloon and Indians met in a triangular out of which the first named won. Saturday's win was not half as important, but Kowloon pulled themselves away from the bottom position of the table. The principal match of Saturday, between the South China and the Recreio in the "B" was postponed on account of rain and should be played to-day, but has been put off again. The Indian Recreation Club did very well against the Nippon Club whom they beat by a good margin of 15 games, while M.B.K. just scraped through in their match against the Royal Engineers. The Chinese Recreation Club won as expected against the University.

In the "C" Division the competition did not reach the usual standard. The meeting of the two Indian teams created considerable interest among members of that community. The Kowloon Indians lost and have yet to register a win. It was not expected that they would win, as their Club has only been in existence for about a year and their membership consists entirely of men who are new to the game. Incidentally the Indian Recreation Club registered their first victory. The Kowloon Cricket Club who despite their defeat at

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LAWN TENNIS.

A CHANGE OF WEATHER.

SENORITA ALVAREZ WINS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The weather for the second day of the Wimbledon Meeting was a great contrast to that of the opening day, being cool, with occasional driving showers. This accounted for the very poor attendance there being only about 500 spectators of the play.

Men's Singles.

SECOND ROUND.

W. T. Tilden defeated H. Fisher (Britain) 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.

Geo. Lott (U.S.A.) beat H. K. Lester (Britain, the former Cambridge University captain) 6-1, 7-5, 7-5.

H. Cochet (France) beat Hopman (Australia) 6-1, 6-4, 7-5.

G. L. Patterson (Australia) beat Kleinschroth (Germany) 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.

Ohta (Japan) defeated Zerlendi (Greece) 6-1, 8-6, 6-3.

R. Lacoste (France) defeated Hawkes (Australia) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Ladies' Singles.

FIRST ROUND.

Senorita D'Alvarez (Spain) defeated Mrs. R. Lycett (Britain) 6-2, 6-2.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S MATCH.

On their own courts yesterday afternoon, the Chinese Recreation Club 2nd beat the R.A.M.C. by 79 games to 20 in the "C" Division. Scores:—

Ng Kum Chuen and Choy Ping Fun (C.R.C.)		
beat Flood and Browne	10- 1	
beat Cox and Sims	11- 0	
beat Tiernan and Waters ...	9- 2	
	30- 3	
C. F. Lee and Chuy Wai Pui (C.R.C.)		
beat Flood and Browne	4- 7	
beat Cox and Sims	1-10	
beat Tiernan and Waters ...	8- 3	
	13-10	
Chan Hip Wo and Lau Ting Wai (C.R.C.)		
beat Flood and Browne	10- 1	
beat Cox and Sims	6- 5	
beat Tiernan and Waters ...	11- 0	
	27- 6	
Total:—Chinese R.C. 2nd		70;
R.A.M.C. 29.		

ESPINOSA'S FINE FORM.

A HOLE IN ONE.

COMPSTON RUNNER-UP.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

KANSAS CITY, June 27th.

Al Espinosa of Chicago has won the mid-American Golf Championship with a score of 289, Archie Compston coming next with 294.

Al Espinosa put in a 68, establishing a new record for the course, in one of his rounds, and also holed his tee shot at one hole in the second round.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

SOUTH CHINA v. UNITED TEAM.

The South China Senior XI. will play a united team of the Royal Ordnance, Machine-Gun Co. and the R.A.M.C.—to-day at 5.45 at Caroline Hill.

The following will represent the United Team:—Williamson, Cpl. Dodshon, Charleton, Aldridge, Skinner, Coates (Capt.), Jackson, Lyons, Smith, Tiernan, Wilson.

The South China Team:—Pau Ka Ping, Li Tin Sang, Lau Kau, Leong Wing Chiu, Leong Wing Tak, Wong Mee, Lau Mau, Lai Tin, Ip Pak Wa, Pau Ka Cheun, Fung King Cheong.

the hands of the Chinese seconds are still in the running for the Shield came off better against the R.A.O.C.

An unusually large number of mid-week matches was played during the past fortnight and it seems that the arrangements worked satisfactory. The Chinese have been the most active in this respect and are to be commended for setting the example. In every match, the various sets were played without any hurry and the matches finished long before darkness set in. More were played during the past few days and a couple of matches have been fixed for to-day. There seems to be a decided advantage in playing mid-week. Matches do not begin until late in the afternoon and in the case of Saturday matches a whole afternoon is spoilt, while a mid-week match would necessitate no loss of time. It would be well for the League to discuss the matter for the next season and if only one regular mid-week match could be arranged a week, then it will not be a source of inconvenience to the majority of league players.

THE NEW TERRITORIES.

CHINESE ARCADIAS!

TWO SATISFACTORY REPORTS FOR 1927.

The reports by Mr. J. A. Fraser of the Northern District of the New Territories and of Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones of the Southern District are both most satisfactory. Trade, agriculture and fishing are all going ahead and the population is peaceful and prosperous.

Such crime as is reported is mainly due to the influx of bad characters from over the border. The New Territories are, in fact, showing what "the incomparable Chinese peasant" is capable of if he gets a chance. A ground survey and also a geological survey have been undertaken in the Southern district, and, incidentally, some interesting archeological finds were made on Lantao Island.

We give the following extracts from the reports.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The report on the New Territories, Northern District, for the year 1927 states that there was a marked decrease in the number of serious offences in the latter half of the year. The most noteworthy was an attempt on a ferry-junk by armed men and taken out of its course to Tolo Channel, with passengers confined in the hold. One of these, an elderly Chinese, showed rare coolness and initiative. Obtaining access to the deck he attracted the attention of an approaching police launch by jumping overboard, and thus secured the arrest of the offenders, who were subsequently committed, tried and sentenced.

Prompt police action and a continuous patrol of the approaches to British Shataukok have reduced "border outrages" to a negligible minimum.

The number of small debts cases exceeds the average for the past five years by about two hundred per cent. It would however be wrong to consider this abnormal.

After a long period of disorganization consequent on the strike, the land boom and the boycott, this increasing tendency to refer disputes, together with the decrease in crime, is a most hopeful sign.

Besides the cases quoted, there were 31 miscellaneous, 32 "women and girls" cases, and 139 land disputes, in addition to 15 death enquiries, two of which were formal, at Taipo.

Revenue And General.

The Revenue collected totalled $127,251.

AFFORESTATION.—(a) Planting. The vote for this purpose was doubled in 1927, with as far as can be judged satisfactory results.

(b) Hill fires were fewer than before, and confined mostly to the border, Saikung, and Taipo districts.

COMMUNICATIONS.—A patrol path along the Northern boundary was projected, and is now in hand. When completed, it will form a long needed link between the isolated stations on the frontier.

TRADE.—Local trade with Chinese territory has resumed normal proportions, and follows the usual routes. There were the regular imports of cattle from Lung Kong, Tam Shui and Wai Chau, which with the import of pigs to Hong Kong brought local prices down to only slightly above the usual level. Pigs continue to be bred in large numbers for the Hong Kong market. Exports were mainly unhulled rice, and fish. The resumption of export of salt-water fish to Sheklung, Tung Kwun and elsewhere in China had a stimulating effect on the local fisheries, and the re-erection of a number of stake-nets in competition with the bright-light fishing-boats is a sure sign of prosperity. Chinese vegetables are now exported from the Territory in large quantities to Tung Kwun and neighbouring districts.

(a) AGRICULTURE. In spite of unfavourable weather conditions, the rice-crops were on the whole good. Prices were good, ranging from $4.40 to $7.00 per picul, according to quality.

(b) FRUIT. Laichees were scarce. Pineapples gave a good crop. This fruit is locally considered the best-adapted for growing in the Territory.

(c) VEGETABLES were scarce during the first half-year, owing to rains. Chinese vegetables form the bulk of the crop. European vegetable-growing is in the hands of a few growers, who make it a specialty. The tomato is perhaps most grown.

(d) SUGARCANE cultivation steadily decreases.

(e) AGRICULTURAL SHOW. With the help of a committee of Europeans and local Chinese, the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., of the London Missionary Society, carried through the difficult project of initiating an agricultural show for the pur-

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COUNTY CRICKET.

YORKSHIRE LOSE ON FIRST INNINGS.

UNIVERSITY SCORES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Full results are given below:—

Derbyshire v. Worcestershire.

Derbyshire beat Worcestershire by an innings and 10 runs.

Worcester 227 and 117 (Slater 7 for 40).

Derby 354 for 9 wickets, innings declared closed (Slater 74).

Cambridge University v. Sussex.

Cambridge beat Sussex by 71 runs.

Cambridge 332 (Killick 161) and 211 for 8 wickets, innings declared closed.

Sussex 256 and 316 (Bowley 139).

Oxford University v. Essex.

Essex drew with Oxford University.

Essex 316 (O'Connor 157) and 177 for one wicket (O'Connor 83 not out).

Oxford 337 (Crawley 167). (O'Connor 5 for 67).

Surrey v. Somerset.

Surrey beat Somerset on the first innings.

Surrey 313 and 188 for 4 wickets, innings declared closed.

Somerset 232 and 74 for one wicket.

Kent v. Yorkshire.

Kent beat Yorkshire on the first innings.

Yorkshire 242 (Mitchell 113) and 283 for 9 wickets, innings declared closed (Mitchell 59).

Kent 272 and 65 for 3 wickets.

Leicestershire v. Glamorgan.

Leicestershire beat Glamorgan on the first innings.

Glamorgan 303 (Bell 138) and 115 for 2 wickets.

Leicester 353 for 9 wickets, innings declared closed.

pose of encouraging local agriculture and improving native methods of production.

The show was under the patronage of H.E. the Governor, who opened it at Sir Robert Ho Tung's garden at Sheung Shui on 7th December. The number of exhibits received was varied and satisfactory, and the show was popular locally and in Hong Kong. The greatest credit is due to the Chairman and organizers of the show. Arrangements are in hand to make it an annual event.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS.

Revenue And General.

The Revenue collected totalled $42,046.73.

The general state of the District for the last year has been good, shewing a fair increase in prosperity.

There was a slight increase in crime, attributable to the presence of bad characters who came in to seek shelter from the troubles in the surrounding districts. The Police however worked well to keep crime in check.

TAI O.—Business shewed a distinct improvement. The vegetable and rice crops were good and prices fair. The fishing gave results above the average.

Eight cases of serious crime were reported, in seven of which the offenders were apprehended and punished.

CHEUNG CHAU.—Business generally has been better: large quantities of fish were caught but the prices generally were lower.

The health of the community was good, except for a strange sequence of about 50 deaths about July. This was ultimately traced to Fish Poisoning amongst the boat people.

The system of free vaccination was continued and greatly appreciated.

The Electric Lighting of the village failed to give satisfaction through the year, owing to inadequate plant. Steps are being taken to arrange for an improved supply in the future.

TSUEN WAN.—The agricultural produce for the year showed a steady improvement especially in pineapples and bean curd, but the wine and spirit distilleries were adversely affected.

A new bathing beach at Sham Tseng was opened and the matched sites there were rapidly taken up.

Surveys.

Early in the year the ground survey in connection with the air survey of the Colony made by H.M.S. *Pegasus*, was completed.

All the local village and place names were carefully checked and have been forwarded to the cartographers, so that the resultant maps, when ready, may be expected to be extremely accurate.

Dr. Brock of the University of British Columbia also completed the geological survey of the New Territories during the spring, so that the final report thereon may be expected shortly.

Several finds of ancient stone axeheads and pottery were made on Lantao Island by Dr. Heanley; these are of great archeological interest and should help to throw light on the early history of South China.

A monograph on the subject by Dr. Heanley is in course of publication.

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MANAGER'S PRIVATE TRADING.

COMPLICATED METHODS LEAD TO CRIMINAL CHARGE.

A Chinese named Chan Kwong Wah, alias Knight W. Chan, alias K. William Chan, aged 36 was against before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of the embezzling two separate sums of money ($435.20 and $197.50) from his former employers Messrs. Swatow Drawn Work Company. It was stated that in November he absconded.

The matter was yesterday explained and the charges dismissed. Defendant had merely been using the name of complainant's in a transaction of his own, and had drawn money from the firms account which was repaid by a bill due from his client on account of the deal.

Mr. D. L. Strellett appeared on behalf of the complainants, the Swatow Drawn Work Company, and Mr. M. K. Lo was for the defendant.

Mr. Strellett asked the Magistrate to dismiss the case.

The complainants, the Swatow Drawn Work Company carried on business, he said, in Swatow and in Pedder Street, Hong Kong. Until recently the proprietor resided at Swatow and the defendant was manager in Hong Kong.

The business not only did local trade but had connections with other parts of the world including Australia.

The Discount Basis.

In connection with the business in Australia it appeared to be a rule for the goods to be sent "D.A." (Delivery Against Acceptance) Their Bank—the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, issued certain bills drawn by the consignors on the consignees in Australia. The bills were discounted through the Compradore Department of the Bank. It was a practice of the Compradore Department of the Bank to charge a small commission on the bills in addition to a small security representing 30 per cent. from the face value of the bill. On advice of acceptance from Australia they would pay the complainants the balance.

The Accusation.

The accusation against the defendant first arose under these circumstances. The Manager in Swatow came to Hong Kong and took over the management of the business here. At the end of May the bank notified the complainants that they were to pay them (complainants) the balance of a bill which had been discounted in October 1927. The complaints found in their books the record of this transaction and that on November 7th a cheque had been drawn for the amount of the bill.

The counterfoil of the cheque in question was first made out "to Cash." This had been scratched out and the name of "Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank" written instead. From the Cash book and counterfoil it would appear that the amount had been paid into the Bank. Then it was found that the cheque had been cashed by the defendant.

Nothing more suspicious could have occurred and the impression was naturally that defendant had taken the money which should have been paid into the firms Bank account. They were unable to trace whether the balance of the bill had been credited to their account at their Bank—The Chartered Bank of India Australia and China, but upon inquiring it was found that no such sum had been paid to the firm.

The complainants were then obliged to accept the only other alternative that goods had been sent to Australia by the defendant who received the money for the transaction and had not paid it to the firm.

The position actually was that the defendant had been carrying on business of his own in the firm's name and he had naturally taken the profits.

He did not wait for acceptance by the consignees in Australia but drew a cheque on the complainant firm for himself. Had the bill been dishonoured the complainants would have been liable to pay the bill in full. The bill, however, was paid and the firm never lost any money.

Mr. Lo's Explanation.

Mr. Lo said that he had his side of the story to tell as he desired that his client should leave the Court with a clear name.

The defendant would deny that he was dismissed and would say that his friends wanted him to take over the management of a similar firm and he consented.

He gave notice that he would resign at the end of November last and did resign. There was no question of being dismissed.

The other point in the case was that his client did not carry on any "funny" business in secret.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th June, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 29th June, 1928, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

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THE SUPREME COURT.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1927.

NUMBER OF CASES HEARD.

Four hundred and ten actions were instituted in the division of Original Jurisdiction during the year 1927, as against 515 in 1926. One hundred and eighty-five were disposed of during the year and 80 were settled or withdrawn before trial as against 283 and 95 respectively in 1926. The claims amounted to $6,669,108.43.

The debts and damages recovered amounted to $2,651,486.41 as against $4,459,824.74 in 1926.

The fees collected amounted to $18,760.80 as against $20,605.75 in 1926.

Summary Jurisdiction.

One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven actions were instituted during the year as against 2,901 in 1906.

The claims amounted to $537,994.12 as against $728,417.75 in 1926, and the amounts recovered were $251,580.09 as against $353,745.39 in 1926.

The number of rent distress warrants issued was 1,334 representing unpaid rents amount to $307,287.79, of which $80,569.92 was recovered by enforced sales in 477 warrants; as again 1,823, $437,268.48 and $129,283.06 respectively in 1926.

Eight hundred and thirteen warrants were withdrawn on settlement between the parties as against 1,060 in 1926, and the remaining warrants were were cancelled or otherwise disposed of.

The fees collected amounted to $20,966.70 as against $28,253.60 in 1926.

Criminal Jurisdiction.

There were 112 cases and 199 persons committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions, as against 73 and 118 respectively in 1926.

The number of the persons actually indicted was 199 of whom 112 were convicted, 47 were acquitted, 39 discharged (case abandoned), and one bail forfeited. In 1926 the figures were respectively 118, 74, 18 and 25.

Appellate Jurisdiction.

Ten appeals were lodged during the year. Of the ten, two were dismissed, none was granted, six are pending and the remaining two were withdrawn or settled.

Admiralty Jurisdiction.

Sixteen actions were instituted during the year. One was tried, thirteen were settled and the others are pending.

Bankruptcy Jurisdiction.

Thirty-nine petitions were filed, 26 being creditors' petitions and 13 debtors' petitions. The figures for 1926 were respectively 56, 35 and 21.

The number of Receiving Orders made was 25, being 15 on creditors' petitions and 10 on debtors' petitions. The figures for 1926 were respectively 37, 26 and 11.

The number of Public Examinations held was 27 as against 19 in 1926. There were 15 adjudications as against 37 in 1926.

There was one Scheme of Arrangement. Three petitions were withdrawn, one bankrupt obtained his discharge, 2 receiving orders were rescinded, 7 petitions were dismissed and 2 adjudications annulled.

The estimated assets, in cases where receiving orders were made and not subsequently rescinded, were $449,097.52 and the estimated liabilities $2,788,520.55 as against $644,739 and $1,645,327 respectively in 1926.

Probate and Administration.

Two hundred and ninety-nine grants were made by the Court being: Probate, 138; letters of administration, 161.

The figures in 1926 were respectively 120 and 152.

At the end of the year, there were 269 deceased estates accounts on the Court books. The invested funds for these estates totalled $50,402.17 and the cash balances $74,901.56.

Official Trusts.

The number of trust estates in the hands of the Official Trustee at the end of the year was 22. The invested funds totalled $160,803.73 and the cash balances $17,964.66. No trust was wound up during the year and one new trust was opened.

Registrar of Companies.

On the 31st December there were 512 companies on the Hong Kong Register, of which 61 were in course of liquidation. During the year 47 new companies were put on the Register and 33 struck off. One company was transferred from the Shanghai to the Hong Kong Register and no company from the Hong Kong to the Shanghai Register.

The fees collected in respect of "China" companies amounted to $125,196.90, and those in respect of other companies to $12,564.80.

Deposits to the total value of $3,904,000 have been made by Insurance Companies under the Fire and Marine Insurance Companies Deposit Ordinance, 1917.

(*Continued on next Column*).

RATEABLE VALUE OF THE COLONY.

RECORD OF PAST TEN YEARS.

OVER EIGHTY PER CENT. INCREASE.

A report on the assessment of the Colony for the current year has just been issued by the Colonial Treasurer.

Under the new valuation, the rateable value of the Colony has been increased from $29,016,439 to $30,395,447 an addition of $1,379,008 or 4.75 per cent. The increases were in the city of Victoria, $778,075, in the Hong Kong villages $122,156 and in the New Territories $478,777.

The number of tenements reported to be vacant averaged about 324 monthly, as compared with 445 last year.

The following comparative statement shows the rateable value of the Colony of Hong Kong in each of the ten years from 1919-1920 to 1928-1929 inclusive:—

Year.	Value.	Increase.	Per cent. Increase.
	$	$	%
1919-20	16,304,801	666,065	4.25
1920-21	17,408,959	1,104,185	6.77
1921-22	18,696,660	1,287,701	7.40
1922-23	19,805,929	1,109,269	5.91
1923-24	21,059,700	1,253,771	6.33
1924-25	22,147,951	1,088,251	5.16
1925-26	27,287,862	5,139,911	23.20
1926-27	27,998,237	710,375	2.60
1927-28	29,016,439	1,018,202	3.64
1928-29	30,395,447	1,379,008	4.75

In the ten years 1919-1920 to 1928-1929 the rateable value of the Colony has increased by $14,090,646 or 86.42 per cent.

Fees And Commission.

The total sum collected during the year by way of fees and commission amounted to $96,254.96 as against $117,252.61 in the previous year.

Record For Past Ten Years.

The following table shows the total number of cases dealt with in the Supreme Court for the past ten years and the revenue and expenditure for each year:—

	Cases.	Expenditure.	Revenue.
1917	764	$99,662.88	$48,334.81
1918	931	98,281.40	68,032.72
1919	982	98,844.23	61,305.87
1920	872	113,082.79	55,957.31
1921	851	118,782.72	58,830.97
1922	827	126,424.34	60,448.59
1923	962	128,838.62	69,955.20
1924	1,549	136,136.69	89,624.99
1925	1,908	150,698.14	121,606.20
1926	3,416	133,680.40	117,252.61
1927	2,267	141,493.29	96,254.96

LURE OF A CIRCUS.

CAUSE OF MUTINY IN BRITISH SHIP.

NEW YORK, June 3rd.

The lure of a circus sent 19 coolies into mutiny yesterday on board the British steamer *Comeric*, but instead of seeing the circus the coolies found themselves in gaol.

The *Comeric*, commanded by Captain Livingston, arrived from Liverpool last Tuesday and docked off Staten Island. The coolies wished to go ashore, but the captain was not going to pay a fine of £200 for each one that took the risk.

The music from a circus disturbed the coolies, but for a few days they only scowled and murmured among themselves. Yesterday, however, Captain Livingston was walking the deck alone when 15 firemen dashed out of the forecastle and attacked him with clubs and axes.

Fortunately he was able to reach the safety of his cabin without injury. The coolies, apparently reluctant to make use of their freedoom, retired for a consultation. The captain saw his opportunity, slipped ashore, and summoned the police.

The coolies then got ashore, but only to be locked up.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, June 27th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 8 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	29.67	29.73	29.71
Temperature	86	78	88
Humidity ...	73	96	69
Wind—			
Direction	S	Calm	SSE
Force ...	2	0	2
Weather ...	O	O	C
Rain	0.12	0.00	0.09

Highest open-air Temperature, 26th: 86
Lowest open-air Temperature, 27th: 78

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From June 23th to July 4th, 1928.

Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Thur.	28	m 6 39	5 6	1 22 a	2 7
		7 14 a	4 1		
Fri.	29	m 7 2	5 9	m 0 11	2 7
		8 13 a	4 0	2 6 a	2 1
Sat.	30	m 7 24	5 3	m 0 46	2 8
		9 6 a	3 9	2 44 a	1 6
Sun.	1	m 7 47	5 7	m 1 21	3 0
		9 55 a	3 9	3 20 a	1 2
Mon.	2	m 8 12	7 1	m 1 55	3 1
		10 40 a	3 9	3 55 a	0 8
Tues.	3	m 8 43	7 4	m 2 37	3 1
		11 21 a	3 8	4 30 a	0 5
Wed.	4	m 9 16	7 6	m 2 58	3 2
		11 59 a	3 8	5 6 a	0 3

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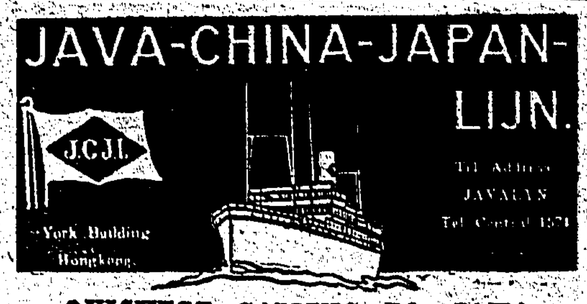
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TJISONDARI ...	Amoy, K'lung, & S'hai.	23rd July	25th July, 4 p.m.	Batavia
TJILEBOET ...	Amoy, Dalny	30th July	1st Aug., 4 p.m.	Makassar, Soerabaia

NORTH BOUND.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will Leave on or about	For
TJILEBOET ...	Makassar, Java	29th June	3rd July	Amoy, N. China
TJISONDARI ...	Batavia	5th July	8th July	Amoy, Shanghai, Kehlung
TJIKINI	Makassar, Java	16th July	18th July	Amoy, N. China
TJIKEMBANG	Batavia	19th July	22nd July	Amoy, Shanghai, Kehlung
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Swatow, Shanghai, Newchwang & Dalny ...	"LIANGCHOW"	On	2nd July,	Noon
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Bangkok ...				
Amoy, Shanghai & Tsingtao	"SINKIANG"	On	3nd July,	6 p.m.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin ...	"HUICHOW"...	On	4th July,	4 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	"TEAN" ...	On	5th July,	10 a.m.
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Shanghai & Tsingtao ...	"SZECHUEN"	On	7th July,	6 a.m.
Amoy, Swatow & Singapore	"ANHUI" ...	On	8th July,	9 a.m.
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Swatow, Shanghai, Newchwang & Dalny ...	"LUCHOW" ...	On	9th July,	Noon
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Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

June 26th.

Havdrot, Norwegian str., 713 tons, Capt. G. E. Henriksen, from Bangkok, which port she left on June 20th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44.—Karsten, Larssen & Co.

Hirundo, Norwegian str., 1,125 tons, Capt. John A. Pedersen, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. B38.—Thoresen & Co.

Kohoku Maru, Japanese str., 2,610 tons, Capt. Y. Ohkura, from Canton, lying at O.S.K. Wharf. O.S.K.

Hubro, Norwegian str., 1,026 tons, Capt. H. Haugensen, from Keelung, which port she left on June 23rd, with 2,133 tons of coal for Canton, lying at Stonecutters. Karsten, Larssen & Co.

Lushan Maru, Japanese str., 1,506 tons, Capt. Yasukawa, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17.—N.Y.K.

June 27th.

Chung Woo, Chinese str., 1,243 tons, Capt. A. Lang, from Keelung, which port she left on June 24th, with a cargo of coal, lying at Stonecutters.—Y.K.K.

Hai Hong, British str., 1,270 tons, Capt. E. Walker, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Havana Maru, Japanese str., 3,450 tons, Capt. T. Nishimura, from New York and Shanghai. The latter port she left on June 23rd, with cement and general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf. —O.S.K.

Hero, Norwegian str., 823 tons, Capt. E. Nielsen, from Bangkok, which port she left on June 20th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14.—Lee Bing Kee.

Hop Sang, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. W. J. Booker, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B7.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hozan Maru, Japanese str., 2,350 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Keelung, which port she left on June 24th, with 1,000 tons of coal and 32 tons of merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Hydrangea, British str., 581 tons, Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with 85 tons of general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Prosper, Norwegian str., 1,375 tons, Capt. C. W. Engvretsen, from Saigon, which port she left on June 22nd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39.—Fau Yuan Hong.

Taishun, Chinese str., 1,216 tons, Capt. C. M. Hanley, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at China Merchants' Wharf.—C.M.S.N. Co.

Vulcanus, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. E. de Muinck, from Haiphong, lying at Taikoktsui.—A.P.C.

Yuen Sang, British str., 1,982 tons, Capt. J. H. Ferguson, from Amoy, lying at Kowloon Dock. —Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Yunnan, British str., 1,206 tons, Capt. W. Inmont, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

June 27th.

Bourbon, for Saigon.
Empress of Russia, for Manila.
Greystoke Castle, for Manila.
Hanoi, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Hin Sang, for Sandakan.
Leecheung, for Shanmi.
Lushan Maru, for Swatow.
Phranang, for Hoihow.
Sagara Maru, for Fushiki.
Taishun, for Canton.
Tilawa, for Singapore.
Van Heutsz, for Swatow.
Yomachichi, for Shanghai.
Yunnan, for Shanghai.

LINERS USED BY SMUGGLERS.

ALLEGED BRIBERY OF U.S. CUSTOMS MEN.

COMPANIES FINED.

NEW YORK, June 3rd.

Wholesale smuggling of liquor from Transatlantic liners is reported by the Treasury Department, and as a result 14 Customs officials on duty at the piers where the liners dock have been suspended, and it is stated that 21 more will be relieved of their duties shortly.

Agents of the Treasury have been watching the men for months, and it is reported that they found that officials were receiving bribes for permitting the liquor to be taken ashore.

Liquor seizures have been frequent of late. The French liner *Suffren* paid a fine of £533 last January after the Customs had found 513 bottles of champagne and other liquor unsealed. The Cunard liner *Franconia*, returning from a West India cruise, paid a fine, as did the White Star liners *Adriatic* and *Olympic*, the French liner *Paris*, and other passenger vessels.

Prohibition officers state that previously liquor was lowered from ships in dock into small launches run alongside, but that recently this method of smuggling had been abandoned.

Now, they declare, contraband is placed with legitimate cargo and brought ashore on trucks.

NO STRIKES OR LABOUR DISPUTES.

S.C.A.'s REPORT FOR 1927.

The annual report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for 1927, states, *inter alia*:

No strikes or other disputes of importance which had an economic origin occurred during the year, but attempts to create disturbances for political objects followed the success of extremist elements at Hankow and elsewhere. These were met by the proscription of two organisations, the Chinese Seamen's Union and the General Labour Association of Hong Kong, both of which openly advocated Communism and World Revolution.

Action taken in April by the Canton authorities against similar organisations in the province had a favourable effect in Hong Kong though sporadic attempts were made towards the end of the year to extend to Hong Kong the outbreak of looting and disorder with which the City of Canton was afflicted in the month of December. These attempts were frustrated by prompt action against Communist gangs and in particular against a society calling itself the Knitting

(*Continued on next Column*).

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The *Greystoke Castle* was launched on December last. She made her maiden trip to Hong Kong from New York, *vid* Panama with a good cargo. The ship was constructed by Messrs. Cammell, Laird & Co. to Lloyd's highest class, and the North Eastern-Werkspoor with which she is installed were built under the supervision of Mr. A. E. Ash, of Messrs. Esplen & Sons, Ltd., the owners' consulting engineers.

The main features of the ship, built on the Isherwood combined system, are as follows:—

Length overall, 440 feet.
Length between perpendiculars, 423 feet.
Breadth moulded, 56 feet.
Depth, moulded, 31 feet 9 inches.
Displacement loaded, 13,100 tons.
Deadweight capacity, approximate, 9,000 tons.
Gross register, 6,500 tons.
No. of holds and 'tween decks, 5.
Speed on trial, approximate, 13.5 knots.
Main engines total output, 4,200 b.h.p.
No. of cylinders, each engine, 6.
Cylinder, diameter, 730 mm.
Piston stroke, 1,500 mm.
Speed, 103 r.p.m.

The *Greystoke Castle* is a motor vessel, and a number of considerations affecting the questions of the quantity and method of handling the fuel oil have been specially studied. It is estimated that the daily consumption of fuel approximated to 17½ tons. This just works out to £26 per day, and allowing 250 days' operation per year, the annual fuel bill will probably not exceed £6,500.

The master of the *Greystoke Castle*, Mr. R. L. Hughes, M.B.E., held an "At Home" on board the ship yesterday afternoon. There were several guests present and the luck to the new vessel was heartily drunk by all present.

There are 12 staterooms for passengers. She carries a total crew of 55 men, of whom, 25 are Europeans. The Chief Officer is Mr. Everall, and Mr. Lane is the second mate. The Chief engineer is Mr. Chisholm and Mr. Fisher is the second engineer.

The sister ship to the *Greystoke Castle* is the *Muncaster Castle*. She left New York for Hong Kong last week.

Workers' Union the activities of which included vitriol throwing and the distribution of Communist leaflets.

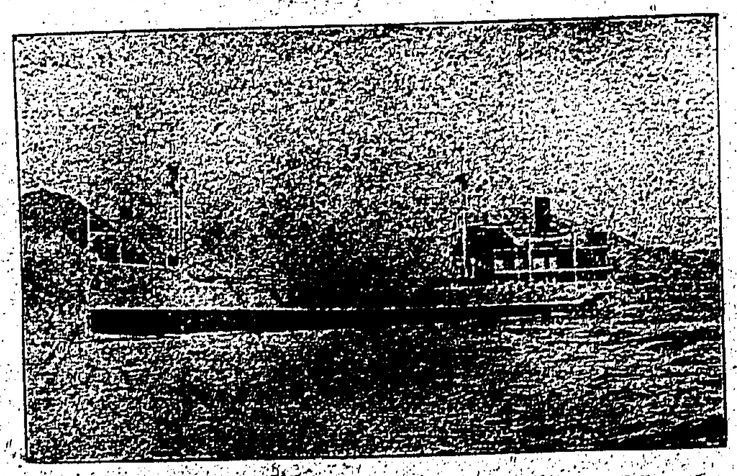
A noteworthy event was the disbanding of the notorious Hong Kong strikers, though the so-called Strike Committee continued to hold office and draw a subsidy until the end of the year.

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TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI ...	"HOPSANG"	Sun., 1st July, at Noon
	"KWAISANG"	Wed., 4th July, at Noon
	"HANGSANG"	Sun., 8th July, at Noon
	"FOUSHING"	Wed., 11th July, at Noon
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE ...	"FOOKSANG"	Fri., 6th July, at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, S'HAI, MOJI & KOBE ...	"HOSANG"	Fri., 13th July, at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE ...	"KUTSANG"	Fri., 20th July, at 7 a.m.
	"NAMSANG"	Fri., 3rd Aug, at 7 a.m.
CANTON ...	"KWAISANG"	Thurs., 28th June, at 8 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA...	"KUMSANG"	Tues., 3rd July, at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE ...	"SUISANG"	Fri., 6th July, at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"HINSANG"	Thurs., 28th June, at 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN ...	"CHIPSHING"	Sun., 1st July, at 7 a.m.

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Freight	S.S.	"Oder"	due here	15th August

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TAIYO MARU	Tuesday,	7th Aug.

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HARUNA MARU	Saturday,	30th June
KAMO MARU	Saturday,	14th July
KATORI MARU	Saturday,	28th July

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

AKI MARU	Wednesday,	25th July
MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday,	22nd Aug.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

AWA MARU	Wednesday,	11th July

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

GINYO MARU	Thursday,	12th July

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.

KAMAKURA MARU	Thursday,	12th July

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

† TAKAOKA MARU	Wednesday,	4th July
† TATSUNO MARU	Saturday,	21st July

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Genoa & Marseilles.

† DURBAN MARU	Tuesday,	10th July

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

† RANGOON MARU	Saturday,	30th June

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MISHIMA MARU	Friday,	20th July

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† TOTTORI MARU (Moji direct) ...	Sunday,	1st July
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, Vessels Expected, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

CARGO RETURNS VERY LOW.

Although there were eighteen arrivals and twenty-four departures during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the cargo returns for both Hong Kong and through ports showed a heavy decrease from the previous day's figures. There were four British arrivals and seven departures and rice was the principal cargo for this port.

Twelve vessels discharged a total of 10,153 tons and three British ships contributed 1,140 tons. The two best returns were shown by two Norwegian vessels with cargoes of rice from Bangkok. The s.s. *Havdrot* discharged 1,900 tons, and the s.s. *Hero* 1,790 tons.

Through cargoes carried by six ships amounted to 6,831 tons and three British vessels carried 1,720 tons. The s.s. *Genoa Maru* was the best carrier with 2,803 tons from Yokohama and Shanghai while the s.s. *Hubro* from Keelung had 2,135 tons of coal. The latter is a Norwegian steamer.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	7
French	1	1
Norwegian	4	1
Japanese	3	4
Chinese	3	8
Swedish	1	1
American	1	1
German	1	1
Total	18	24

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President McKinley, July 2nd.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Taiping, July 10th.
Changteh, August 7th.

Bank Line.
City of Pekin, July 7th.
City of Osaka, July 13th.
City of Evansville, July 20th.
City of Khartoum, August 4th
City of Halifax, August 17th.
City of Khios, September 1st.
City of Lincoln, September 14th.
City of Glasgow, September 29th.
City of Eastbourne, October 10th.

Ben Line.
Benarty, to-day.

British-India and Apcar Line.
Takada, July 3rd.
Talamba, July 8th.
Talma, July 9th.
Tukliwa, July 16th.
Santhia, July 26th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Asia, July 9th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Peru, July 6th.
Danmark, July 12th.
Siam, July 20th.
Java, July 22rd.

Blue Funnel Line.
Helenus, to-day.
Antilochus, to-morrow.
Protesilaus, July 3rd.
Philoctetes, July 8th.
Lycaon, July 10th.
Hector, July 11th.
Ningchow, July 16th.
Rhexenor, July 20th.
Achilles, July 21st.
Perseus, July 24th.
Talthybius, July 24th.
Theseus, July 25th.
Dardanus, July 27th.
Aeneas, July 30th.
Bellerophon, August 6th.
Phemius, August 6th.
Calchas, August 11th.
Teucer, August 14th.
Automedon, August 17th.
Elpenor, August 22nd.
Sarpedon, August 23rd.
Tyndareus, September 2nd.
Orestes, September 2nd.
Eurypylus, September 8th.
Eurylochus, September 9th.
Menelaus, September 14th.
Machaon, September 19th.
Patroclus, September 20th.
Astyanax, September 28th.
Matoppo, September 29th.
Adrastus, October 17th.
Antenor, October 18th.

Dollar Steamship Line.
President Polk, June 30th.
President Taft, July 2nd.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
St. Albans, to-day.
Arafura, July 9th.
Tanda, August 8th.

Glen Line.
Cardiganshire, July 13th.
Pembrokeshire, July 13th.
Glenogle, July 20th.
Glenamoy, August 10th.
Carmarthenshire, August 20th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien.
Oldenburg, July 7th.
Saarland, July 19th.
Varda, July 27th.
Heidelburg, August 7th.
Scheer, August 22nd.
Carl Legien, September 4th.

Java-China-Japan Line.
Tjileboet, to-morrow.
Jjialak, July 2nd.
Tjisondari, July 5th.
Tjisaroea, July 9th.
Tjikini, July 16th.
Tjitaroem, July 16th.
Tjikembang, July 19th.
Tjimanoek, July 30th.

Messageries Maritimes.
Paul Lecat, July 3rd.
Sphinx, July 3rd.
Andre Lebon, July 17th.
Lt. St. Loubert-Bie, July 22nd.
Chenonceaux, July 31st.
Porthos, August 14th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Coblenz, July 2nd/3rd.
Ludwigshafen, July 18th.
Fulda, July 30th.
Oder, August 15th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Haruna Maru, to-morrow.
Rangoon Maru, June 30th.
Shinyo Maru, July 3rd.
Takaoka Maru, July 3rd.
Durban Maru, July 9th.
Kamakura Maru, July 11th.
Kamo Maru, July 13th.
Siberia Maru, July 17th.
Aki Maru, July 24th.
Tatsuno Maru, July 25th.
Katori Maru, July 27th.
Bingo Maru, August 1st.
Taiyo Maru, August 1st.
Mishima Maru, August 21st.

Prince Line.
Chinese Prince, July 1st.
Malayan Prince, July 25th.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.
Agra, July 11th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Four vessels brought 360 Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

MERCHANT SHIPS IN PORT.

The following merchant vessels were in port yesterday:—

British: *Funnan, Grey Stoke Castle, Hydrangea, Empress of Russia, Kiang Su, Lyemoon, Tilawa, Kiungchow, Telemachus, Kwong Sang, Fat Shing, Chinhua, Hin Sang, Hupeh, Taikoo, Pheumpenh, Kwangse, Kwangtung, Hai Yang, Gorgistan, Sumatra, City of Bedford.*

Norwegian: *Havdrot, Hero, Hirundo, Svale, Maud, Solviken, Vestland.*

Portuguese: *Kong On, King On.*

French: *Bourbon, Hanoi.*

Japanese: *Lu Shan Maru, Havana Maru, Genoa Maru, Matsuye Maru, Sagara Maru, Koyo Maru.*

Chinese: *Chung Wo, Heng Chong, Yuen Jeng, Taiszema, Phranang, Chuan Chow, Sun Sai Kai, Poo Tye, Yan On, Hwah Cheng, Hung Chow, Tejo, Haimun, Gen. H. Knox, Man Sun.*

Dutch: *Van Hentsz, Tjikarang, Vulcanus, Hong Kong, Jan, Hankow, Otto.*

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.), will leave Hong Kong for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., *vid* Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama, at noon on Wednesday, July 4th.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Novara* left Shanghai for Hong Kong on the 26th inst. at noon, with the mails, and is due here to-morrow (Friday), at about noon.

The E. & A. s.s. *St. Albans* will leave for Manila, Port Holland, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne at noon on Saturday, June 30th.

The Ben Line s.s. *Benarty*, from Leith, Middlesbro', Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here to-day (Thursday).

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise.	*Sunset.*
To-day	5.41 a.m.	7.11 p.m.
To-morrow	5.41 ,,	7.11 ,,
Saturday	5.42 ,,	7.11 ,,

Peninsular and Oriental.
Novara, to-morrow.
Nellore, July 3rd.
Kashmir, July 5th.
Khyber, July 6th.
Kidderpore, July 13th.
Alipore, July 17th.
Rajputana, July 19th
Rawalpindi, July 21st.
Nankin, July 28th.
Kalyan, August 2nd.
Naldera, August 16th.
Kashgar, August 30th.
Morea, September 13th.
Khiva, September 27th.
Macedonia, October 12th.
Malwa, November 9th.
Mantua, December 7th.

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*"NOVARA"	6,989	30th June	Mars., L'don, A'wp, Hull, B'dm, H'bg.
†"KHYBER"	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
*"NANKIN"	7,058	28th July	Mars., L'don, A'wp, Hull, B'dam, H'burg
†"KASHMIR"	8,985	4th Aug.	Mars., London, Antwerp & Hull.
*"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	14th Aug.	Straits & Bombay.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"NALDERA"	16,088	1st Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles and London
†"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Sept.	Mars., L'don, Antwerp & Hull.
†"KASHGAR"	9,005	29th Sept.	Marseilless and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	13th Oct.	do.
†"KHIVA"	9,135	27th Oct.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	10th Nov.	do.
†"KHYBER"	9,114	24th Nov.	do.
"MALWA"	10,946	8th Dec.	do.
"NALDERA"	16,088	22nd Dec.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,946	5th Jan., 1929	do.

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BRITISH INDIA—APCAR SAILINGS

"TAKADA"	8,949	5th July	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALAMBA"	8,018	10th July	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	3rd Aug.	do.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

*"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th June, Noon	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd Aug.	
"TANDA"	8,956	31st Aug.	

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The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via the Cape.
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

*"NELLORE"	6,853	3rd July	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	6th July	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	10th July	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	11th July	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	14th July	S'hai., Moji & Kobe.
"TAKLIWA"	7,936	18th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
*"ALIPORE"	5,273	18th July	Kobe.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	20th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	28th July	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KALYAN"	9,144	3rd Aug.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TANDA"	8,956	7th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TILAWA"	10,006	9th Aug.	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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"NALDERA"	16,086	24th Nov.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokonama.
"MANTUA"	10,946	8th Dec.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Dec.	do.
"MOREA"	10,953	5th Jan., 1929	do.
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Shanghai & Swatow	*Soochow*	28th June
Europe via Negapatam (letters only London, 31st May)	*Hong Pong* ...	29th June
Japan & Shanghai	*Haruna Maru* ...	29th June
Shanghai	*Nowara*	29th June
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Polk* ...	30th June
Shanghai	*Sinkiang* ...	30th June
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. McKinley* ...	2nd July
Manila	*Pres. Taft* ...	2nd July
Japan & Shanghai	*Sphinx*	3rd July
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Shinyo Maru* ...	3rd July
Saigon	*Paul Lecat* ...	3rd July
Japan & Shanghai	*Khyber*	6th July
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai ..	*Empress of Asia* .	9th July
Australia & Manila	*Arafura*	9th July

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Sandakan	*Hirano* ...	Thursday, 28th, 8.30 A M
Manila	*Greystoke Castle*...	8.30 A M
Bangkok	*Chin Hua* ...	8.30 A M
Amoy & Formosa via Swatow	*Kokoku Maru* ...	10.30 A M
Swatow	*Hydrangea*	2.30 P M
Saigon	*Telemachus* ...	3.30 P M
Formosa	*Havana Maru* ...	4.30 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong* ...	Friday, 29th, 2.00 P M
Shanghai	*Glenshaw* ...	2.30 P M
Samshui & Wuchow	*Tai Ming* ...	4.30 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 30th July	*Haruna Maru*...	*Kowloon P.O.* Reg. 4.30 P M Let. 30th, 9.00 A M *G.P.O.* Reg. 30th, 8.45 A M Letters 9.30 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles —due Marseilles, 4th August ...	*Novara* ...	*Kowloon P.O.* Par. 29th, 4.30 P M Reg. 30th, 9.0 A M Letters 10.0 A M *G.P.O.* Par., 29th, 5.00 P M Reg. 30th, 9.45 A M Letters 10.30 A M
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 15th July	*St. Albans* ...	Par., 29th, 5.00 P M Reg. 30th, 9.15 A M Letters 10.00 A M
Haiphong	*Tonkin*	Saturday, 30th, 12.30 P M
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia... ...	*Soochow* ...	2.30 P M
Amoy	*Kwangtung* ...	5.00 P M
Manila	*Pres. Polk* ...	5.00 P M
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	*Hosan Maru* ...	—JULY— Sunday, 1st, 9.00 A M
Bangkok via Swatow	*Kiangsu*	9.00 A M
Amoy	*Sinkiang*	Monday, 2nd 9.00 A M
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *U.S.A., *Canada, *C. & *S. America, & *EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 25th July, & Europe via Siberia	*Pres. Taft* ...	Parcels 1.00 A M Reg. 11.15 A M Letters Noon
Bangkok	*Kinsachow* ...	2.30 P M
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 4th Aug.	*Sphinx*	Tuesday, 3rd. *Kowloon P.O.* Reg. 10.00 A M Letters 10.00 A M *G.P.O.* Reg. 11.45 A M Letters 12.30 P M
Shanghai and Japan	*Paul Lecat*	12.30 P M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ning* ...	2.00 P M
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Hong Kong, 7th June, 1928. [36

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H. MORI, Manager.

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C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
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Hong Kong, 20th April, 1928. [29

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Bank Bills, on demand	49⅜
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ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	136¼
Bank Bills, on demand	
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	75¼
Private, 30 days' sight	—
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	106¼
ON MANILA.—On demand	99½
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